

Annual Report of the Town of Embden

Incorporated 1804

For the Fiscal Year 2014

**2015 Annual Town Meeting
Saturday, March 7, 2015**

**Town Meeting to be held at 1:00pm at the Embden Community Center
Municipal Elections from 8:00am to 12:00pm at the Town Office**

Town Information

All citizens are invited to attend and observe our Town meetings to discover how all Town business is conducted and decisions are reached. All meetings are held at the Embden Town Office unless otherwise noted. For updates and other useful information, please check out our new town website at www.embden.maine.gov.

Selectmen Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm
Thursday Evenings 5:30-6:00pm

Code Enforcement Officer

Tuesday Mornings from 9:00am-12:00pm

Assessor meetings

Wednesday Mornings from 8:30am-12:00pm

School Board

1st Wednesday of every month
Pre-determined school location

Planning Board

2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm

Embden Town Office Hours

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	10am – 4pm
Wednesday	10am – 4pm
Thursday	1pm – 6pm
Friday	10am – 2pm

Closed on RSU #74 School Cancellation Days due to weather events.



ON THE COVER: McLean Barn, Embden

Image by Bonnie A. Baker

ANNUAL REPORT DESIGNED & COMPILED BY:

Bonnie A. Baker, Town Clerk

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Letter from the Selectmen

By design, the Annual Town Report serves as this Select Board's venue to first and foremost give thanks and sincere appreciation to the citizens of Embden for their support throughout the year. 2014 came and went rapidly with many accomplishments made by all boards, personnel, and volunteers. We should all take pride in the accomplishments and enjoy sharing our enthusiasm as members of this outstanding community. As always, we encourage individuals to use the Town's website www.embden.maine.gov to keep informed. Also, we welcome the inhabitants and visitors to attend any of the Town's board meetings. That said, the Town of Embden is in need of more people to serve on its various boards as there are some crucial vacancies that could potentially leave the town shorthanded in the event of accident or illness. We implore you to please look at the list of positions in the Town Report and seriously consider becoming active. Our town is, and always will be, willing to help provide the training/resources for every position.

This past year, a facilitator from the Maine Rural Waters Association helped form a local stakeholder group comprised of the Anson & Madison Water District, the Town of Embden's Select Board, the Embden Code Enforcement Officer, Embden Pond Association President, and interested citizens, to identify potential contaminant sources to the water supply and develop protection measures for Hancock Pond. The stakeholders developed water source protection tasks to mitigate the potential for contamination, and developed a document to help guide the management of the watershed. This document, a copy of which is available at the Town Office for viewing, provides a roadmap for further collaborative efforts between the Town of Embden and the Anson & Madison Water District to further the goal of water quality protection.

The Embden Community Center more than lived up to expectations again this past year. If you happened to travel by with any frequency, the parking lot was/is seemingly full more often times than not. Again, we are thankful to have such a conscientious group managing the ECC's day to day operations. The ECC Club's volunteers, supporters, and performers have surely set the bar high for years to come by giving back more than twelve thousand dollars to the Town's treasury in each of the last two calendar years, meanwhile re-establishing the important feeling of community. Please refer to the Embden Community Club report within for more information on upcoming events and how to get involved.

The Embden Historical Society also had a very entertaining and productive year with high attendance numbers, again due to the hard work of its volunteers, speakers, and the overall revitalized feeling of community. They also meticulously maintained the 19 cemeteries in town, and this Select Board wholeheartedly appreciates the efforts of the group. Please refer to the EHS report inset for their 2015 line up of speakers, membership contacts, and all things historical.

We are very pleased to report that with the two installment property tax payments voted for by the inhabitants, and their diligence adhering to the new method, Embden did not have to borrow money this past year. This resulted in successfully eliminating the origination fees and interest associated with the tax anticipation note (TAN). Of course, as in the past, we cannot anticipate what will happen at the RSU and County levels at this time due to our calendar year vs. their fiscal year differences, not to mention the Governor's proposed FY 2016-2017 budget implications for the aforementioned entities. Sitting here present day, we are uncertain if we'll undoubtedly avoid the TAN this year but we remain hopeful not to have to borrow or to need to manipulate the

tax dates furthermore in future years. We are still considering changing the calendar year to a fiscal year in order to align our budget dates with the RSU and County. How to implement this without changing the historical Town Meeting date, among other things, is still being discussed.

Some upcoming projects that the town's various boards and inhabitants will be asked to support and/or be involved with are:

- We need to choose a winter roads contractor for the next three years. There are four contractors interested in the contract. You'll find their bid figures within the Town Meeting Warrant. The contractor will be chosen by vote at the annual town meeting on March 7, 2015. We strongly encourage attendance as this Select Board would like to have a true representation of your desires.
- The Town of Embden's Road Commissioner has promised to prioritize the brushing of town roads this year as the recent year's winter weather patterns have brought the necessity to light. He also has identified some much needed road re-construction and paving projects within his budget. Additionally, the Maine Dept. of Transportation inspected the Mill Stream Bridge on the Slipp Road recently. The inspection combined with some detailed engineering analysis deemed the bridge "scour critical". This means that the abutments have a potential of being undermined by high and fast storm water which could cause bridge failure. Our Road Commissioner has been instructed to close the bridge during specific storm water elevations to alleviate the danger. The engineered design provided by MDOT estimated the repair to cost upwards of one hundred sixty thousand dollars. We are asking the inhabitants to put aside fifty thousand dollars in the Capital Improvement line this year specifically for this purpose. We plan to ask the voters in subsequent years to do the same until we have raised enough make the repairs. On a lighter note MDOT has notified us that they will be paving RT 201A from North Anson to Solon in 2016.
- The Town of Embden Planning Board is gearing up for updates and changes to Embden's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance deemed necessary by the State of Maine. This will require a Special Town Meeting due to the many changes within the document. Our website, as well as legal postings, will inform the inhabitants of the pertinent dates and times. Again, we would appreciate and strongly encourage your attendance.
- Topics which are being presented within the various budget lines of this year's Town Warrant are: Historic Town House basement wall repair, TRIO program expansion software for vehicle registrations, Assessing Board raise request, upkeep/maintenance of town owned structures, buildings, cemeteries, etc. which are all equally important to be thoroughly discussed.
- Future topics which are not within this warrant but have been brought up in previous discussions and being thought through are: Excessive sign replacement costs on a certain road, town office hours, and cross training of our office staff. These are just a few examples so please reach out to a town official and get involve with the conversations.

We welcome your input, your interaction, and thank you for taking the time to read our report. We hope the information within isn't too redundant and if we've missed anything please accept our apologies. It is our pleasure to serve the Town of Embden.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Taylor
Wayne McLaughlin
Elizabeth Pratt

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Dear Friends,

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate in January of 2013. First off, I want to make sure you know how to reach my offices, as I welcome your thoughts, questions, or concerns. You can call our toll-free, in-state line at 1-800-432-1599. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5 124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also provide your input on our website at www.king.senate.gov.

Maine is a large state; I know that traveling to our offices can present logistical and financial challenges, which is why our team implemented an outreach program, Your Government Your Neighborhood. My staff has been traveling to communities throughout the state for two years now, hosting office hours for local residents. Since we began, we have made over 400 trips and plan to increase that throughout 2015.

If we haven't yet been to your town office, community library, or school, or hosted an information table at a local non-profit, please let us know!

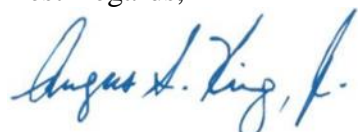
My work in Washington this year has been broad reaching, and I am committed to continue this work in a transparent and nonpartisan manner.

My projects have included:

- Overseeing national security and defense issues from ISIS to cybersecurity
- Continuing efforts to simplify student loans and make higher education more affordable
- Easing the regulatory burdens facing Maine businesses, farms, and schools
- Co-sponsoring budget initiatives for a smarter economic direction
- Supporting vital infrastructure and highway investments
- Tackling climate change mitigation and its long-term impacts
- Ensuring financial transparency in politics through campaign finance reform
- Promoting the growth of rural internet access
- Co-sponsoring legislation to help working families get paid leave to care for loved ones

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and will keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senator

Annual Report to the Town of Embden
A Message from Senator Rod Whittemore

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I am honored to represent you in the Maine Senate for a third term. I am so grateful for the trust you have placed in me and I will work tirelessly for the betterment of you and your neighbors, as well as for the great state of Maine.

I am proud of the results of the 126th Legislature, which worked hard to increase the availability of mental health services, pay off the debt our state owed our hospitals, and improve Maine's economic climate in a constrained fiscal environment. I am especially pleased that we were able to preserve many valuable gains made during the 125th Legislature. As a member of the Insurance and Financial Services Committee, ensuring that Mainers have access to affordable reliable healthcare has continued to be a priority for me.

My fellow legislators and I have a great deal to accomplish in the 127th legislature. The most important item on our to-do list is clear: our state needs more jobs at all levels of the pay scale, so it is our responsibility and my solemn promise to work to expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. Growing our economy and increasing the number of jobs available to Mainers will be a challenge, but I am confident that our ongoing commitment to addressing our outrageous energy costs and the needs of our aging population will continue to move our state in the right direction.

Private sector gains remain the best vehicle to spur robust economic growth, and I am focused on ensuring that traditional industries and small businesses have their needs met so Maine will continue to create jobs. In the same sense, innovation is critical to providing a path forward for Maine's economy – and my colleagues and I are excited to encourage the ideas of entrepreneurial minds young and old.

Another essential component of a robust economy is efficiency in allocating the state government's scarce resources, and I was elected because I will be an attentive steward of your tax dollars. Unfortunately, Maine's current distribution of benefits from our welfare system is not helping the folks who need these benefits most. In order to help our truly needy survive and get back on their feet, I will work with my fellow legislators to protect our state's vulnerable citizens while fighting fraud, waste, and abuse in Maine's welfare system. In short, we must reform welfare.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. I stand ready to work with you over the next two years, so please feel free to contact me at 207-287-1505 and rodwhittemore@gmail.com if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I will be gratified to help you.

Best,



Rod Whittemore
State Senator



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January 2, 2015

Town of Embden

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

First, I would like to thank the residents of Embden for electing me as your State Representative. It is a responsibility to be taken very seriously. I take this responsibility very seriously and look forward to another challenging session in Augusta.

Legislative leadership has appointed me the House Republican Lead of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. Rising energy prices and alternative energy sources are major concerns for many in Northern and Western Maine. On this panel, the other members and I will oversee these issues and many others. Your input, as consumers and constituents, will be greatly appreciated as we work to make the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee truly work for Maine.

I was elected to the Maine Legislature on the promise to represent you, the people of District 118. To do this, I will be seeking your input regularly and want to hear from you with your comments and concerns. Please call me anytime at **399-4963** or email at skime2@roadrunner.com to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Thank you again, for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

Larry Dunphy

District 88 –Anson, Bingham, Caratunk, Carrabassett Valley, Embden, Jackman, Moose River, Moscow, New Portland, Wellington and Plantations of Brighton, Coplin, Dennistown, Highland, Pleasant Ridge, The Forks and West Forks, plus the unorganized territories of Concord, Lexington and Wyman Townships, Northeast Somerset (including Rockwood Strip), Northwest Somerset and Seboomook Lake

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Charles Taylor, Chairman	(2016)
Wayne McLaughlin	(2015)
Elizabeth Pratt	(2017)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Terriann Lamontagne, Chairman	(2017)
Wayne McLaughlin	(2016)
Raymond Young Sr.	(2015)

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

Bonnie Baker	(2015)
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TAX COLLECTOR

Ruth Blake	(2015)
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ROAD COMMISSIONER

Michael Witham	(2015)
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M.S.A.D. # 74 DIRECTORS

Dwight Barron	(2017)
Shawn Cyrway	(2015)
<i>Vacant</i>	(2016)

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.....	Pamela Graf
(deputy)	Vacant
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.....	Robert Dunphy
(deputy)	Terriann Lamontagne
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR.....	Robert Dunphy
(Co-Director).....	Michael Witham
E-911 ADDRESSING OFFICER.....	Eleanor Ketchum
GENERAL ASSISTANCE OFFICER.....	Charles Taylor
HEALTH OFFICER	Robert Dunphy
LOCAL PLUMBING INSPECTOR.....	Leo Mayo
(deputy)	Robert Dunphy
RECREATION DIRECTOR.....	Tammy Murray
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	Bonnie Baker

APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMITTEES

PLANNING BOARD

Leo Mayo, Chairperson	(2015)
Ann Bridges, Secretary	(2018)
Dwight Barron	(2017)
Myles Durkin	(2019)
Eleanor Ketchum	(2016)
Vacant, Alternate	(2015)
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BOARD OF APPEALS

John Duff, Chairperson	(2015)
Mary Keenan	(2015)
Vacant	(2015)

Tax Assessors' Report

ASSESSMENTS:

COUNTY TAX	424,045
MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION	1,042,009
MSAD #74	1,610,425
OVERLAY	13,345
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	3,089,824

DEDUCTIONS:

STATE REVENUE SHARING	35,750
HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENTS	20,027
OTHER REVENUES	471,532
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	527,309

TOTAL ASSESSMENT	2,562,515
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To the Embden Tax Payers:

In 2014 there were 38 new building permits; four sheds, 10 dwellings, 10 garages, seven decks or porches, and seven additions.

If you have torn down or erected any buildings on your property since April 1, 2014, please let the Assessors know by April 1st so we can make any changes to your account.

If your property has had any damage from snow, ice, or fire, please report this information to the Assessors by April 1st, so we can remove them from your account. When the Assessors were doing field work last year we noticed a few camps that had been broken into. We found some places where trees had fallen onto the buildings. It would be very helpful if everyone could leave a contact number so we could report anything of this nature directly to the property owners.

PLEASE DISPLAY your 911 address at the roadside or in a highly visible place, so emergency responders can do their job more efficiently.

Again this year, the Assessors will be sending out a "List of Estates" to every person that has real estate in the Town of Embden. Please include your e-mail address on the form and mail it back to the Town Office by April 1, 2015. The Assessors will hold office hours on Wednesday April 1, 2015 from 9am to noon to receive tax declarations and speak with anyone who may have any questions.

The Embden Board of Assessors hold office hours every Wednesday morning from 8:30 am til Noon. The Assessors are also available at other times; please call us at 566-5551 ext. 1 to schedule an appointment.

I would like to thank Raymond Young and Wayne McLaughlin for another good year.

Respectfully,
Terriann Lamontagne, CMA
For the Embden Assessors

Abatements Issued During 2014

2010:

Norman & Carolyn Knapp.....191.98

2014:

Kristie Burch176.93

Jeff Goodwin.....189.39

Linda Hayes.....458.94

Delinda & Peter Smith.....29.91

Total.....**1,047.15**

Supplements Issued During 2014

2014:

Central Maine Power19,772.99

Hunnewell Valley Inc.....189.00

Jamie & Brad Way.....313.99

Total.....**20,275.98**

Town Clerk's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

I know I say this every single year, but it has truly been a busy year in the Clerk's office once again.

Embden had 41 unaltered dogs and 192 neutered/spayed dogs licensed during 2014, for a total of 237 dogs.

The following Sporting licenses were issued:

Resident Fishing Licenses	9	Non-Resident 15-Day Fishing License	1
Resident Hunting Licenses	4	Alien Season Fishing	1
Res.Combination Hunting/Fishing Lic.	13	Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Permit	3
Resident Bear Hunting License	1	1-Day Fishing License	11
Coyote Night Hunting Permit	2	Outdoor Partners Program	1
Non-Resident Season Fishing Licenses	8		

In addition to the lifetime licenses available to residents 65 and older, IF&W also offers lifetime licenses for children ages 15 and under. I urge you to consider this generous gift, as it will continue to give throughout their lifetime. Fees vary depending on the age of the individual. Come visit me at the Town Office for an application.

As always, if you can't make it in to the Town Office for your Hunting or Fishing licenses, you can get them online at www.state.maine.us/ifw.

Beginning this year, residents will be able to renew their dog licenses online as well. I will post further details on the Town website as they become available.

The town website can be found at www.embden.maine.gov. I encourage all of you to check it out if you haven't already. Why not sign up to receive e-mail updates from our Town website? Just go to www.embden.maine.gov/town-news/ and click on "subscribe" to get information on upcoming events and important Town news.

I know sometimes it can be frustrating to get to the Town Office and find that one or both of us are away for training. I try to post any schedule changes on the Town website, at the office (both on the inside bulletin board and the new outside bulletin board), and in the Morning Sentinel, when at all possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Training is an important way to ensure that we stay up-to-date on current laws and regulations, allowing us to serve you to the best of our abilities.

I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Embden for all of your support. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Town Clerk. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (207) 566-5551 x 4, email me at embden-clerk@roadrunner.com, or stop by the Town Office.

Respectfully,
Bonnie A. Baker, CCM
Town Clerk



NEW BUNDLES OF JOY

Portland	1
Waterville	3

BEST WISHES NEWLYWEDS

Cathy Lynn McEwen & Jeffrey Scott Welch	April 12, 2014
Carolyn G. Vicneire & Ralph Lawrence Bigelow	November 1, 2014
Sylvia Lee Taylor & Sean Travis Lesperance	December 13, 2014

We Honor those Embden Residents who passed away this year
THEY WILL BE GREATLY MISSED

Ryan Poirier
January 15, 2014
50 Years Old



Albert Ross Hanson
January 28, 2014
87 Years Old



Jennifer Marie Nile
February 27, 2014
22 Years Old



John L. Mullin
April 4, 2014
55 Years Old



Arthur Arsenault
June 5, 2014
75 Years Old



Jacqueline Smiley
June 30, 2014
88 Years Old



We Honor those Embden Residents who passed away this year
THEY WILL BE GREATLY MISSED

Guy Durrell

July 20, 2014
74 Years Old



Wilma Morse

September 14, 2014
83 Years Old



Richard Guilmet

September 17, 2014
90 Years Old



Dorothy Denalsky

October 10, 2014
76 Years Old



Road Commissioner's Report

Dear Embden People,

Another year has come and gone, yet I think this past year went very well.

We started with our street cleaning and grading, and also did brush chipping on the Station, Moulton, and Hancock Pond Roads. The word out there is that the people would like to see more Brush Trimming next year. We will make that happen!

We replaced a resident culvert on the Dunbar Hill Road, and then moved to the Moulton and Bert Berry Roads for ditching and Rip Rap replacement.

With the heavy rain showers we saw this fall, some material was lost from the edges of the roads. We worked on the Wentworth and West Shore Roads to repair them by hand, however next year we will rent a shoulder machine. I feel that it is important to have a good shoulder on the roads.

In September, crews completed tree cutting and ditching on the Hancock Pond Road. It should be good for a long time to come.

In November, we paved the Bert Berry Road, because it was really needed.

Another upcoming concern is the Mill Stream Bridge. The Department of Transportation said:

“Mill Stream Bridge which carries Slipp Road over Mill Stream was deemed scour critical as a result of detailed engineering analysis. Scours critical refers to the higher probability that the abutments and or piers could be undermined by the stream during a flood event. Scour is the most common cause of bridge failures. All bridges with a clear span greater than 20' were required to undergo a scour evaluation. The bridges designed as scour critical had an engineered “action plan” developed. These plans give guidance to the bridge owner on decision making during a flood event. It is the municipality's responsibility to provide safe passage over the subject bridge.”

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael E. Witham

\$ 79,950.00	Fine Line Paving	
\$ 1,850.27	Campbell's (Culverts)	
\$ 1,125.00	Eagle Rental (Sweeper)	
\$ 207.25	Eldon McLean	
\$ 931.92	Jack Kaplan	
\$ 268.23	Mattingly Products Company	
\$ 1,028.75	H. P. Fairfield (Rock rake repair parts)	
\$ 653.20	Signs	
\$ 162.40	G. L. Taylor	
\$ 412.50	Daniel Nile	
\$ 5,233.18	Eric Creamer	
	Chipping	\$ 875.00
	Labor	\$ 371.88
	Man-Chainsaw	\$ 1,701.30
	Pick-up	\$ 710.00
	Ton Truck	\$ 1,575.00
\$ 23,847.77	Ellery G. Witham (Grading)	
\$ 37,067.92	Witham Trucking Inc.	
	Pick-up	\$ 1,950.00
	Dump Truck	\$ 17,629.85
	Excavator	\$ 12,321.89
	Bucket Loader	\$ 682.08
	Labor	\$ 268.10
	Mowing	\$ 1,920.00
	Rip Rap/Gravel	\$ 2,296.00
\$ 5,088.80	Michael E. Witham (Payroll)	

Tax Collector's Report

Dear Residents and Tax Payers of Embden,

As tax payers of Embden paying the tax bill once a year was the norm, so transitioning to paying taxes twice a year has been good for most of you, but a difficult change for some. Even though this is the second year of paying twice, I do believe remembering that second payment is the issue.

In my efforts to help, I send out friendly yearend reminder notices of the December 31st deadline to pay your taxes before names are entered into the town report. I also use this reminder as a notification that the 30day notice will go out in March which will add cost to your taxes if they are not paid before then. Another way to help with that second payment, if you choose to, you can pay your taxes once when the first payment is due, which many people are doing and this would eliminate the possibility of forgetting the second payment.

Collecting taxes twice a year has doubled my tax work load and this year a greater number of people have moved to Embden. Some are new to the area and others have retired to their getaway homes. While registering their cars, snowmobiles, boats, or ATVS they tell me how wonderful and beautiful they think Embden is, how friendly the people are, and how much they like living here. I certainly agree with them.

Because of the increased work load, there are many times people have to wait longer than usual to pay their taxes or get a registration, so I am asking you to approve of the electronic version for the motor vehicle registrations. Once I have learned how to use it well, it will shorten the time it takes to do a registration therefor shortening your waiting time to get something done.

Thank you all for being the wonderful people that you are, thank you for allowing me to serve as your tax collector, and I look forward to seeing you at tax and registration time.

Sincerely,
Ruth Blake

Motor Vehicle Registrations Total Receipts.....	255,744
Paid to State of Maine.....	69,236
Excise Tax (Embden).....	157,620
Excise Tax Paid to Anson.....	23,401

Boat, ATV, and Snow Mobile Registrations Total Receipts.....	20,778
Paid to Inland Fisheries & Wildlife.....	17,377
Excise Tax (Embden).....	2,885
Excise Tax Paid to Anson.....	31



Animal Control Report

Well it's that time of year again. Actually, it's been a rather easy year. There were the regular stray or missing dogs and cats, and as usual the Unlicensed dogs.

Speaking of unlicensed dogs.... SHAME ON YOU PEOPLE that don't license your dogs. Don't you care about them??? Maine State Law states that all dogs 6 months and older must be licensed each and every year. The State wants to protect the animals and people from a deadly disease called Rabies. Your dog has to be up to date on its Rabies vaccination to be licensed. I'm current on my Rabies 'cause Pam loves me. I've heard Pam say that the worst part of being an ACO is giving folks summons, BUT it's part of the job, and if you have a dog that is not licensed you'll probably get to meet her.

Pam and I are looking forward to a wonderful 2015, and with you folks helping by taking good care of your pets, we will all enjoy the year. I know that bad things can still happen with pets. Sometimes I just get excited and run off after a squirrel, and then I realize that I'm on the neighbor's lawn, not mine. Crap happens. Sometimes us pets go where we shouldn't go. If this happens to your pet, before you leave home looking for them, call Pam and tell her "who" is missing. Someone else might call her about a stray animal in their yard, and it just might be the one you are looking for. That way Pam can call you back so you can go get your pet. Oh, just a tip, Rabies and license tags on the animal's collar, is the quickest way for us to get your animal back to you. We'd much rather bring them home than take them to Farmington Shelter (although it's a really good shelter). If you don't like the noise of the tags, PUT YOUR PHONE NUMBER (with a laundry marker) on the animal's collar. Remember, having your animal "chipped" is a great idea. When Pam adopted me she had me "chipped". It really doesn't hurt and it's not expensive. The Vets and Animal Shelters can chip your pet. Call and ask them about it. All animals taken to the Shelter get scanned for "chips".

Guess that's about it for this year. Maybe we will see you in our travels; I'm the one in the back seat with the big mouth! Oh, the fur ball in front of me is "Mocha" the Monster.

Franklin County Animal Shelter

207-778-2638

Somerset County Dispatch

207-474-6465



Appeals Board

There was no formal activity for this Board from March 2014 to February 2015.

Board members were:

Tiger Pinkham	431-3113
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Mary Keenan	566-0631
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John Duff	566-5722
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Update training is planned for board members during 2015.

John Duff
Chairman

Code Enforcement

To the Residents & Taxpayers of the Town of Embden:

It has been a very busy year. Not in the number of Permits issued but in the changes in the State mandates.

I would like to thank the Planning Board, Selectmen, Assessors, Bonnie and all Residents for all their support.

It is really good that all work together for the best interest of the Town.

Respectfully,
Robert A. Dunphy
Code Enforcement Officer

E-911 Report

This year we have replaced eighteen signs and ten posts.

As usual, the Katie Crotch Road signs and posts were taken. Probably there was a sign there six months of the year. Signs have been put up and were gone the next day. This is expensive to replace so many signs and posts and have the corner without a sign so much of the time. Your taxpayer money is being spent to replace these signs. In the 1923 and 1924 town reports the name of this road was East New Portland Road. Money was raised and used there. A family by the name of Cadie lived at the corner at one time.

We now have over 150 roads, lanes and drives.

Thank you to those who have helped me again this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Ketchum
E-911 Addressing Officer



General Assistance Report

In the fiscal year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2014 the Town of Embden had a total of nine General Assistance applications. The results from those applications filed are as follows:

Case #001-2014: \$150.00 Electricity

Case #002-2014: DNQ

Case #003-2014: \$126.50 Electricity

Case #004-2014: DNQ

Case #005-2014: \$150.00 Electricity

Case #006-2014: \$150.00 Electricity

Case #007-2014: DNQ

Case #008-2014: \$102.00 Electricity

Case #009-2014: \$402.31 Electricity

Total GA expended FY2014..... \$1,080.81 (50% of which was reimbursed by DHHS)

Respectfully submitted,
Charles E. Taylor
General Assistance Officer

Recreation Department

The Embden Recreation Department has had another busy year. Dan Foss returned again as the Embden Swim Program Instructor for swim lessons this past summer, and did a wonderful job with all of the kids. Last year, six of our swimming instructors become lifeguard certified through Peak Rehab., which greatly benefitted the 84 children that took part in the swim program this year. I would like to thank Robert Dunphy and Michael Witham for their help in getting the docks in and out of the pond, as well as Scott LeHay for bussing the children back and forth so they could attend this program.

The Embden youth of your community participated in softball and baseball in the spring, soccer, cheering and football in the fall, and basketball in the winter months. They also participated in the Summer Recreation program which included field trips to Giffords for mini golf, the movies, bowling, and a trip to Funtown/Splashtown. The children that attend the Summer Rec. Program are also served breakfast and lunch every day that summer rec. is in session. I would like to thank RSU74 for providing the breakfast and lunch program to the area children.

Several of the Embden youth also took advantage of the scholarship program through the Rec. Department. They attended Dance camps, Cub Scout & Boy Scout camps, and multiple sports camps throughout the year.

The Embden residents should be proud of their young citizens for taking part in their community.

Sincerely,
Tammy Murray
Rec. Director



*Embden kids, such as
Dakota, left, played Rec.
Softball.*



Embden girls participated in Cheering. One of those was Emily pictured above right.

Registrar's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

Embden has a total of 725 voters, which breaks down as follows:

DEMOCRAT.....	193
REPUBLICAN.....	248
GREEN INDEPENDENT.....	33
UNDECLARED.....	251
 TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS.....	 725

This year we had a huge number of voters participate in the November election. 449 Voters cast their ballots in the November 2014 election, up from just 103 in 2013. I strongly urge you to take the time and use your right to vote! Every vote and every voter is important! If you can't get to the polls on Election Day, you can still cast your vote. Contact me to request an absentee ballot.



Absentee ballots are available 30-45 days before an election. Due to changes in State law, there is a deadline for requesting an absentee ballot. Except in extenuating circumstances, you must request your ballot no later than 3 business days before the election; however you no longer have to give a reason for requesting one, so anyone can vote absentee, for any reason, right up to the statutory deadline. Ballots can be requested by phone (by the voter only) or in person (by the voter or an immediate family member). For State and Federal Elections, you also have the option of requesting your ballot online at www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl.

One change being considered for next year is the polling hours for Town Meeting. I have suggested to the Selectmen that the Town move the Secret Ballot Election of officials to the Friday before Town Meeting. The Open Town Meeting that is now done at 1pm Saturday after the polls close would remain on Saturday. Many other towns do this to give all residents ample opportunity to vote. At first we wondered if this might be too drastic of a change, but upon researching the subject we found that Embden actually held their election of officials on Fridays for many years until condensing it to Saturday mornings before the Open Town Meeting. Before that, all officials were nominated and elected from the floor of Town Meeting. Many voters have told me that they find it difficult to get to the polls during the limited Saturday hours we now have (traditionally 8am – 12pm), and others find it burdensome to have to come out twice if they wish to vote in the morning and attend the Open Town Meeting in the afternoon. The thought at the moment is to hold the elections all day Friday instead, from 10am-8pm for example, although no official decision has been made. I would love to hear all y'all's thoughts on the matter, so that we can best determine the wishes of the voters.

My office is open during regular Town Office hours, as well on Election Day.

Respectfully,
Bonnie A. Baker
Registrar of Voters

Town Fire Warden

ALL OUTDOOR BURNING REQUIRES A BURNING PERMIT

ANY TIME OF THE YEAR

Burn permits can be obtained free of charge from the Town Fire Warden or the Deputy Town Fire Warden. You can also apply for a burn permit at www.maineburnpermit.com. The website does require a credit card however, as well as a printer to print the permit. Permits issued from the website cost \$7.00.

Please remember, you must have the burn permit on site while you are burning. Fires must be attended at all times, until the fire is completely out.

This year the Board of Selectmen appointed Robert Dunphy as Town Fire Warden.

Previously the position was held by John Mullin. John served our community in many capacities, including Town Fire Warden and Deputy Fire Chief. He was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed! I would like to offer our sincere condolences to his family; not only his immediate and extended family, but also to the firefighters with whom he served. I know he holds a special place in their hearts.

At the request of Mr. Dunphy, I will continue to serve as Deputy Town Fire Warden. Permits will be available from me at the TOWN OFFICE during regular business hours.

Respectfully,
Bonnie A. Baker
Deputy Fire Warden



2014 Planning Board Report

As usual the Planning Board has had an extremely busy year. The Board reviewed and issued 38 permits for the construction of residences, garages, repairs, renovations and additions to existing buildings, replanting of vegetation and driveway construction. Among the permits issued, there was one “After the Fact” permit.

Because applicants failed to comply with the Board’s requirements, several permits which were issued and held contingent upon meeting these requirements have been voided. These applicants will need to reapply.

Please remember that before you start **any** construction, you should contact the Code Enforcement Officer to see if a building permit is required, especially if you’re building is within 250 feet of a body of water.

Please be sure when submitting an application to Robert Dunphy, the Code Enforcement Officer, that all the requirements have been submitted with the application including the processing fee of \$25.00, the required number of copies of the application and pictures. An incomplete application only delays the process. Once Mr. Dunphy has completed the site review, he will submit the application with attachments at the Board’s next meeting.

An application needs to be received by the CEO or the Town Clerk by the last Thursday of the month in order to be considered at the following month’s Planning Board meeting.

Board members and terms are:

Leo Mayo, Chairman	March, 2015
Eleanor Ketchum	March, 2016
Dwight Barron	March, 2017
Ann Bridges, Secretary	March, 2018
Myles Durkin	March, 2019

The Board currently has no alternates serving on the Board.

The Planning Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Embden Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann C. Bridges, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

To the Citizens of Embden:

I would like to say that it has been a quiet year, but that never seems to be the case. I can say that the office seems to be running fairly smoothly and efficiently, although we are constantly trying to find ways to better serve you. We welcome any suggestions or comments you may have!

The addition of the new computer server purchased in 2013 has eliminated a lot of the computer issues that we continually faced in the past; and the new phone system, although a little daunting for some customers (and staff) at first, has definitely made it easier to ensure that calls are routed to the proper department. For the first time in many years, each department now has its own voicemail, which can be forwarded via text message or e-mail to those officials who have limited office hours. This has drastically cut down on the little slips of paper floating around the office from numerous phone messages.

This year new computers were purchased at the insistence of our technology contractor, API Technologies. Unfortunately Microsoft discontinued support for Windows XP early this year, which meant no more security updates would be issued for the software. This would have potentially left our entire computer system vulnerable to computer viruses, which could have jeopardized town and personnel information, in addition to costing the town huge amounts of money. With that in mind, the Municipal Officers felt it prudent to utilize some of the money from our Technology account to upgrade all of the computers in the office. These new computers are faster, more efficient, and more secure, enabling us to serve you even better. To limit the amount of business hours lost the new computers were installed on Election Day. Since the office was already scheduled to be closed, the technicians were able to install and test the new computers with minimal interruption. This also allowed me to be on hand to oversee the install and answer any questions they had without taking time away from customers.

The most exciting news this year was that for the first time in many years, the Town did not have to borrow money in the form of a Tax Anticipation Note. Although I hope to be able to continue this trend next year, decreasing State funding and the unpredictable nature of how quickly tax money comes in once the taxes have been committed, make that an impossible promise to make. I can promise that I, along with the Town's Selectmen, will do our best to avoid incurring the extra fees associated with a TAN if it can be avoided.

The balances and activity in the Trust Funds under the Town's care are as follow:

MARY ANN BURNS CEMETERY TRUST: Interest from this trust is used annually for maintenance and improvement of the cemeteries in Embden. As of December 31, 2014, the cemetery fund balance is \$1,000.

CRAGIN & WILLIAMS CD: As of December 31, 2014, the fund balance is \$1,836.91.

CAMDEN NATIONAL BANK CD: As of December 31, 2013, the fund balance is \$2,835.72.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Embden's Treasurer.

Respectfully,
Bonnie A. Baker
Treasurer

Municipal Officials & Boards (2014 – Article 13)

Appropriated 2014	80,000
Compensation	59,731
Selectmen	14,000
GA Officer	750
Town Clerk/Treasurer	22,145
Tax Collector	22,586
Registrar	250
Elections Officials	4,834
Mileage	3,129
Conferences & Training	721
FICA (Town Officials)	4,346
Medicare (Town Officials)	1,016
FICA (Town Office Staff)	135
Medicare (Town Office Staff)	32
FICA (ECCtr Staff)	23
Medicare (ECCtr Staff)	5
Licensed Plumbing Inspector	3,173
FICA (LPI)	197
Medicare (LPI)	46
Expended 2014	77,388
Lapsed into Surplus	2,612

Membership, Dues, Civic Organizations (2014– Article 15)

Appropriated 2014	4,200
MMA	1,602
KVCOG	2,479
MTCCA	25
MMTCTA	50
Total Expended	4,156
Lapsed into Surplus	44

Insurance Policies (2014 – Article 16)

Appropriated 2014	12,000
Property & Casualty	8,399
Workman's Compensation	2,053
Total Expended	10,452
Lapsed into Surplus	1,548

Legal Expenses (2014 – Article 14)

Appropriated 2014	10,000
Advertising & Legal -	
Town Office	9,695
Registry of Deeds	3,420
Expended 2014	13,115
Overage (from Surplus)	3,115

Audit & Annual Town Report (2014 – Article 17)

Appropriated 2014	8,000
Town Report	1,639
Audit	5,400
Town Meeting Expenses	50
Expended 2014	7,089
Lapsed into Surplus	911

Unanticipated Expenses (2014 – Article 18)

Appropriated 2014	2,000
Expended 2014	1,646
Lapsed into Surplus	354

Utilities (2014 – Article 19)

Appropriated 2014	43,000
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Town Office

Electricity	1,296
Gas/Oil	2,355
Telephone	4,779
Water	290
Security Alarms	265
Custodial Svcs.	1,896
Trash Removal	270
Shoveling	701
Mowing	650

Community Center

Electricity	2,980
Gas/Oil	13,860
Telephone	777
Internet & Cable	1,006
Water	1,385
Security Alarms	265
Custodial Svcs.	1,531
Trash Removal	335
Shoveling	405
Plowing	1,350
Mowing	1,700

Town House

Electricity	258
Mowing	100

Street Lights

Electricity	839
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Sand Shed

Electricity	596
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Sandy Beach

Trash Removal	90
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Total Expended 2014	39,947
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Lapsed into Surplus	6,053
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Town Office Supplies & Equip (2014 – Article 20)

Appropriated	10,000
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Office Supplies	2,232
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Office Equipment	2,300
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Postage	3,351
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Safe Deposit Box Rental	25
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Printing	900
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Total Expended 2014	8,808
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Lapsed into Surplus	1,192
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Information/Technology (2014 – Article 22)

Carried Forward from 2013	3,880
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Appropriated	4,000
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Donated from ECC	760
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Town Office	7,402
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Community Center	760
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Total Expended	8,162
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Carried Forward to 2014	478
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TRIO – Annual Fees (2014 – Article 22)

Appropriated	5,000
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Expended 2014	3,341
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Lapsed into Surplus	1,659
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Facilities Maintenance/Repair (2014 – Article 23)

Appropriated 2014	12,500
Donated from ECC	10,400
Town Office	3,171
Community Center	6,505
Town House	0
Sand Shed	104
Total Expended	9,780
Carried Forward to 2015	13,120

Community Center

Carried Forward from 2013	244
Appropriated 2014	0
Expended 2013	0
Carried Forward into 2015	244

Tax Assessment (2014 – Article 24)

Appropriated	30,355
Carried Forward from 2013	7,845
Compensation	14,000
Secretarial Services	7,590
Mileage	1,416
Training	915
FICA	1,339
Medicare	313
Office Supplies	425
Office Equipment	30
Computer Supplies	38
Regulations & Manuals	0
Postage	1,352

Printing	112
Registry of Deeds	106
CMAAO Dues	24
MAAO Dues	50
Miscellaneous	40

Total Expended	27,750
Carried Forward to 2015	10,450

Tax Map Maintenance (2014 – Article 25)

Appropriated	11,200
Carried Forward from 2013	13,557
Expended	14,703
Carried Forward to 2015	10,054

Planning Board (2014 – Article 26)

Appropriated	9,750
Carried Forward from 2013	11,044
Compensation	3,940
Training	80
FICA	218
Medicare	51
Office Supplies	0
Regulations & Manuals	195
Postage	45
Advertising & Legal	195
Miscellaneous	206
Total Expended	4,930
Carried Forward to 2014	15,864

Code Enforcement Officer (2014 – Article 27)

Appropriated	10,500
Carried Forward from 2013	92
Compensation	10,500
CEO	10,000
Deputy	500
Mileage	61
Training	75
FICA	651
Medicare	152
Total Expended	11,439
Carried Forward to 2015	653

Appeals Board (2014 – Article 28)

Appropriated	1,000
Carried Forward from 2013	2,460
Compensation	250
Training	55
FICA	16
Medicare	4
Office Supplies	0
Regulations & Manuals	35
Postage	0
Advertising & Legal	0
Total Expended	360
Carried Forward to 2015	3,100

Fire Protection (2014 – Article 29)

Appropriated	42,000
Paid to Town of Anson	40,645
Lapsed into Surplus	1,355

Hydrant Rental (2014 – Article 30)

Appropriated	10,000
Total Expended	9,208
Lapsed into Surplus	792

Ambulance Service (2014 – Article 31)

Appropriated	15,000
Expended	14,085
Lapsed into Surplus	915

Animal Control (2014 – Article 32)

Appropriated	3,500
Carried Forward from 2013	2,810
Compensation	484
Mileage	108
Training	50
FICA	30
Medicare	7
Humane Society Contract	1,690
ACO Supplies	231
Total Expended	2,600
Carried Forward to 2015	3,710

E-911 Addressing (2014 –Article 33)

Appropriated	2,000
Carried Forward from 2013	2,379
Compensation	1,307
Mileage	108
Training	50
FICA	30
Medicare	18
Office Supplies	0
Road Signs	690
Total Expended	2,206
Carried Forward to 2015	2,173

Emergency Management (2014 – Article 34)

Appropriated	1,200
Paid to Robert Dunphy	500
Paid to John Mullin	130
Paid to Michael Witham	500
FICA	75
Medicare	16
Total Expended	1,216
Overage	16

URIP/Block Grant Funds (2014 – Article 36)

Balance 12/31/2013	101,203
Received from State	43,552
Paid to Summer Rds Acct	101,203
Balance as of 12/31/2014	43,552

Summer Roads (2014 – Article 37)

Appropriated	200,000
Carried Forward from 2013	5,277
Transferred from Block Grant	101,203
Compensation	4,707
FICA	292
Medicare	68
Cold Top	76
Culverts	1,850
Gravel	2,458
Hay	0
Equipment Rental	2,000
Equipment Maintenance	1,029
Road Warning Signs/Posters	503
Calcium Chloride	0
Road Supplies	342
Summer Roads Contractors	144,480
Total Expended	157,805
Carried Forward to 2015	148,675

Winter Roads (2014 – Article 38)

Appropriated	224,000
Paid to Nitram	224,000
Total Expended	224,000
Lapsed into Surplus	0

Sanitation (2014 – Article 39)

Appropriated	40,000
Paid to CWS	33,252
Lapsed into Surplus	6,748

General Assistance (2014 – Article 40)

Appropriated	2,000
Expended	1,081
Lapsed into Surplus	919

Donations (2014 – Article 41)

Appropriated	9,575
Stewart Public Library	1,000
Somerset County Hospice	200
Kennebec Behavioral Health	250
Senior Spectrum	500
Family Violence Project	500
Solon Food Cupboard	2,000
Madison Food Cupboard	2,000
Baker Mountain	500
KVCAP	300
Cub Scouts	250
Sunset Cemetery Association	1,000
Madison Public Library	500
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	200
Community Health & Counseling Svcs.	25
Life Flight of Maine	100
Girl Scouts	250
Total Expended	9,575

Embden Recreation Dept. (2014– Article 42)

Appropriated	5,000
Carried Forward from 2013	8,296
Compensation	2,500
FICA	214

Medicare	50
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Office Supplies	0
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Recreation Programs:

Team Sports	900
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Winter Sports	800
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Sports Equipment	0
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Swim Program	1,287
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Miscellaneous	0
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Scholarships	1,300
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Sports Camps	825
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Field Trips	1,300
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Total Expended	9,176
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Revenues Received	0
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Carried Forward to 2015	4,120
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2014 Snowmobile Grants (2014 – Article 43)

Received from State of Maine	1,754
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2013 Reimbursement	894
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2014 Reimbursement	861
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Paid to Embden Snow Travelers	1,000
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Cemetery Maintenance (2014 – Article 44)

Appropriated	1,000
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Interest - MaryAnn Burns	1
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Paid to Historical Society	1,001
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Capital Improvement Fund (2014 – Article 45)

Appropriated	25,000
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Carried Forward from 2013	36,242
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Community Center Upgrades	6,582
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Total Expended	6,582
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Carried Forward to 2015	56,660
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Plumbing Permits

Paid in for Plumbing Permits	4,040
Paid in for New Septic Fees	150
Paid to State of Maine	1,208

Vital Records

Paid in for Vital Records	466
Paid to State of Maine	58

Hunting/Fishing Licenses

Paid in for Licenses	1,674
Agent Fees	77
Paid to State of Maine	1,597

Dog Licenses

Paid in for Licenses	2,457
Town Revenue	384
Agent Fees	237
Late Fees	850
Paid to State of Maine	986

Education

Tax Assessment	1,610,425
Paid to M.S.A.D. # 74	1,610,425

County Tax

Tax Assessment	424,045
Paid to County Treasurer	424,045

Overlay

Tax Assessment	13,345
Abatements Issued	5,212

2014 TOWN REVENUES

Copy Fees	0
Building Permits	1,200
Homestead Reimbursement from State	20,151
Veteran Reimbursement from State	858
Revenue Sharing	32,678
Tree Growth	18,587
Highway Reimbursement (URIP/LRAP)	43,552
General Assistance	572
Ordinance Fines	0
Franchise Fees	2,884
Rec. Fees	0
Community Center (ECC)	12,000*
Refunded Payments	2,225

* Not including donation of \$1,396 for purchase of 2-AEDs for placement in Town Office and Community Center, and donation of \$760 for purchase of sound system for Community Center

2014 Wages for Elected, Appointed, & Hired Town Personnel

Elected Positions	Term	Ends	Salary 2014	Notes
Selectman – Charles Taylor	3 yr	2016	\$4,000.00	Chair add Stipend of \$2,000
Selectman – Wayne McLaughlin	3 yr	2015	\$4,000.00	
Selectman – Elizabeth Pratt	3 yr	2017	\$4,000.00	
Town Clerk/Treasurer - Bonnie Baker	1 yr	2015	\$22,145.00 Plus Agent Fees	2 wks vacation
Tax Collector – Ruth Blake	1 yr	2015	\$22,145.00 Plus Agent Fees	2 wks vacation
Tax Assessor – Terriann Lamontagne	3 yr	2017	\$4,000.00	Certified add Stipend of \$1000.00, Chair add Stipend of \$1,000
Tax Assessor – Raymond Young	3 yr	2015	\$4,000.00	Certified add Stipend of \$1000.00
Tax Assessor – Wayne McLaughlin	3 yr	2016	\$4,000.00	Certified add Stipend of \$1000.00
RSU #74 Director – Vacant	3 yr	2016	Pd by school district	
RSU #74 Director – Shawn Cyrway	3 yr	2015	Pd by school district	
RSU #74 Director – Dwight Barron	3 yr	2017	Pd by school district	
Road Commissioner – Michael Witham	1 yr	2015	Foreman-Hourly/State Wages	

Appointed Positions	Term	Ends	Salary 2014	Notes
Assessing Clerk/Technician - Bonnie Baker			Hourly	Hired by Assessors
General Assistance Officer – Charles Taylor	1 yr	2015	\$750.00	
Registrar – Bonnie Baker	2 yr	2015	\$250 + Hourly for Elections	
Deputy Town Clerk/Treasurer – Amanda Morrill	1 yr	2015	Hourly if Needed	Appointed by Town Clerk
Deputy Tax Collector – Claudia Viles	1 yr	2015	N/A	Appointed by Tax Collector
Child Program Officer – Tammy Murray	1 yr	2015	\$2,500.00	
Animal Control Officer – Pam Graf	1 yr	2015	\$250 + \$25/call* + mileage	*Hourly after 1st hour of call
Deputy Animal Control Officer - Vacant	1 yr	2015	\$25/call* + mileage	*Hourly after 1st hour of call
Code Enforcement Officer – Robert Dunphy	1 yr	2015	\$10,000	
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer – Terriann Lamontagne	1 yr	2015	\$500	
Local Plumbing Inspector – Leo Mayo	1 yr	2015	75% of fees	
Deputy LPI – Robert Dunphy	1 yr	2015	75% of fees	
E911 Coordinator Officer – Eleanor Ketchum	1 yr	2015	\$1,200.00	Assistant-Hourly State Wages
Health Officer – Robert Dunphy	3 yr	2017	\$250 + \$25/trip + mileage	
Town Fire Warden - Robert Dunphy	Indefinite		N/A	
Deputy Town Fire Warden - Bonnie Baker			N/A	Appointed by the Town Fire Warden
Emergency Management Co-Director - Robert Dunphy	1 yr	2015	\$500.00	
Emergency Management Co-Director - Michael Witham	1 yr	2015	\$500.00	
Planning Board – Leo Mayo	5 yr	2015	\$30/mtg	Chair add Stipend of \$750
Planning Board – Ann Bridges	5 yr	2018	\$30/mtg	Secretary add Stipend of \$1,000
Planning Board – Eleanor Ketchum	5 yr	2016	\$30/mtg	
Planning Board – Dwight Barron	5 yr	2017	\$30/mtg	
Planning Board – Myles Durkin	5 yr	2019	\$30/mtg	
Planning Board Alternate – Vacant	1 yr	2015	\$30/mtg	
Planning Board Alternate – Vacant	1 yr	2015	\$30/mtg	
Appeals Board - John Duff	1 yr	2015	\$60/mtg	Chair add Stipend of \$250
Appeals Board – Mary Keenan	1 yr	2015	\$60/mtg	
Appeals Board – Vacant	1 yr	2015	\$60/mtg	
Ballot Clerks			Hourly for Elections	Appointed by Registrar as needed

**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION AND
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**
Saturday, March 7, 2015

To Bonnie Baker, resident of the Town of Embden, in the County of Somerset, State of Maine,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Embden in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Embden Town Office in said town on Saturday, the 7th day of March, A.D. 2015, at seven and forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until twelve o'clock in the afternoon;

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Embden Community Center (formerly the Embden Elementary School) in said town on Saturday, the 7th day of March, 2015 A.D., at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 47 as set out below, to wit:

Article 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Article 2: To elect all municipal officers and school committee members as are require to be elected.

Nominated Candidates;

Selectman, three-year term:

Scott LeHay
Wayne McLaughlin

Town Clerk/Treasurer, one-year term:

Bonnie Baker

Tax Collector, one-year term:

Ruth Blake

Road Commissioner, one-year term:

Michael Witham

Assessor, three-year term:

Raymond Young

RSU #74 School Board Director, one-year term:

No Candidate

RSU #74 School Board Director, three-year term:

No Candidate

Article 3: To see if the Inhabitants will accept the following tax assessment and collection related questions:

A. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$20 to that person's next year's property taxes.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

B. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize citizens to pay their property taxes in two equal installments, the first one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable 30 days after commitment, the second one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable on November 19, 2015, and to charge interest at the rate of 7% per annum on unpaid balances after each due date, or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

C. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.S.R.A. Section 506.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

D. If the Inhabitants accept the previous section, what, if any, interest shall the Inhabitants pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Inhabitants vote to pay interest, the interest rate cannot be more than 8 %.)

Selectmen recommend 0%

E. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate from overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2015.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

F. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A Section 506-A.

Selectmen recommend Yes and a rate of 5%.

Article 4. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.S.R.A. Section 2953.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 5. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 6. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for, accept, and expend grant money available from the State of Maine, Federal Government, or other organizations for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 7. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount of the previous annual budget during the period from January 1, 2016 to the Annual Town Meeting.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 8. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell and dispose of any tax acquired property by the following procedure; acquiring a fair market value on the property, set a minimum bid amount and to place said property out to bid. Then to award the property on such terms as they deem to be in the best interest of the town and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property.

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 9. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept gifts of money, equipment, or other articles for the town. (All gifts to become property of the town.)

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 10. To see if the Inhabitants will accept funds from, but not limited to, the following potential revenue sources:

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Road Assistance
- C. State Aid for Education
- D. Civil Emergency Funds
- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement
- F. Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement
- G. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
- H. General Assistance Reimbursement

Selectmen recommend Yes.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to carry the following account balances forward into their respective accounts. (Account balances as of Dec. 31st, 2014):

<u>BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>2015 REQUEST</u>
Information/Technology	\$ 478
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 13,120
Community Center	\$ 244
Tax Assessment	\$ 10,450
Tax Maps-Maintenance	\$ 10,054
Planning Board	\$ 15,864
Code Enforcement	\$ 653
Appeals Board	\$ 3,100
Animal Control Account	\$ 3,710
E-911 Account	\$ 2,173
Highways & Bridges (Summer Roads)	\$148,675
Recreation Account	\$ 4,120
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 54,660

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen Total: \$ 266,801

Article 12. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Municipal Officials or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 13. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 from surplus for membership, dues, etc. in civic organizations, (i.e., KVCOG, SEDC, MMA, MTCCA, MTCTA, MAAO, etc.) or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 14. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation for all insurance policies, (e.g.; worker's comp., building, equipment, etc.) or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 15. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from surplus for legal expenses or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 16. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from surplus for audit of the 2014 town books, expenses for holding Town Meeting(s), and for printing of the Annual Town Report or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 17. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from taxation for unanticipated expenses or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Overlay).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 18. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,200 from taxation for utilities (fuel, electricity, telephone, internet, security alarm, mowing, trash removal, cleaning, etc.) or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 19. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from taxation for supplies and equipment used to run the operations of the town office or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 20. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation for the Information/Technology Account or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 21. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 from excise for annual licensing and maintenance fee for the Municipal Software from Trio Software Company or what they will do related thereto (this will become a balance forward account).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 22. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation plus the revenues received from the Embden Community Club (\$12,000 year-end balance as of 12/31/2014), for the yearly repair and maintenance of all town owned buildings, structures, and properties or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 23. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 from surplus for Community Center operating expenses/office equipment or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 24.

A. To approve a raise for the Board of Assessors (an increase of \$2000 to the existing Chairman's salary and an increase of \$1000 to the existing certification stipend for each Assessor) or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen do not recommend.

B. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,055 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Tax Assessment or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 25. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from taxation for the Tax Map Maintenance Account or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 26. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Planning Board or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 27. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from excise, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Code Enforcement or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 28. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 from surplus, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Appeals Board or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 29. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 from taxation for contracted fire protection and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a fire protection agreement with the Town of Anson or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 30. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from taxation for the annual rental of fire hydrants to the Anson/Madison Water District pursuant to 35-A M.S.R.A. Section 107 or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 31. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from taxation for emergency services to Anson-Madison-Starks (AMS) Ambulance Service or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 32. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from surplus, for Animal Control or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 33. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from taxation for Town E911 signs and maintenance or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 34. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 from surplus for compensation, and applicable taxes for the town's Emergency Management Department or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 35. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to pay all Town hired labor and equipment at the prevailing State of Maine hourly rate or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 36. To see if the Inhabitants will permit the Municipal Officers and/or the Road Commissioner to use URIP/LRAP Block Grant money within the dedicated account for improvements to Town maintained roads and/or bridges, not to exceed the year ending balance of \$43,552.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 37. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for repair and maintenance of bridges, roads, and culverts, dedicated for use by the Road Commissioner, or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend \$125,000 from taxation and \$75,000 from excise.

Article 38. To see if the Inhabitants will select a contractor by secret ballot from the list below based on the sealed bids opened at the regular Select Board meeting January 19, 2015 and allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three year snow removal contract with the selected contractor or what they will do related thereto. The following contractors/bids were submitted:

Josh Nunes/American Construction Services:	2015-16 snow season \$228,500 2016-17 snow season \$228,500 2017-18 snow season \$228,500
Adams General Construction Inc.:	2015-16 snow season \$235,000 2016-17 snow season \$235,000 2017-18 snow season \$235,000
J & R Davenport Trucking:	2015-16 snow season \$245,000 2016-17 snow season \$245,000 2017-18 snow season \$245,000
Nitram Excavation & General Contractor:	2015-16 snow season \$258,614 2016-17 snow season \$259,814 2017-18 snow season \$261,014

Article 39. If Article 38 passes, to see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$254,000 for the winter roads contract or what they will do related thereto.

(2014-15 contract year's appropriation is \$224,000, of which \$116,000 will be paid from January-April 2015. October-December 2015 payments will not exceed \$138,000, regardless of which contractor is chosen. Therefore \$254,000 will be the maximum appropriation for 2015.)

Selectmen recommend \$180,000 from taxation and \$74,000 from surplus.

Article 40. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,000 from taxation for sanitation/solid waste disposal to Waste Management, Inc. or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 41. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate \$2,000 from excise for the purpose of General Assistance administered by the town or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus).

Selectmen recommend.

Article 42. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate the recommended amount from surplus for the following Social Services and Charities or what they will do related thereto.

A. Stewart Public Library	\$1000.00
B. Somerset County Hospice	\$1000.00
C. Senior Spectrum Family Violence	\$ 500.00
D. Madison Food Cupboard	\$2500.00
E. Baker Mountain	\$ 500.00
F. Cub Scouts	\$ 300.00
G. Sunset Cemetery	\$1000.00
H. Madison Public Library	\$ 500.00
I. Maine Public Broadcasting	\$ 100.00
J. Community Health & Counseling Services	\$ 50.00
K. Life Flight of Maine	\$1000.00
L. Girl Scouts	\$ 300.00
M. Moose Alley Riders ATV Club	\$ 250.00
Total:	\$9,000.00

Selectmen recommend.

Article 43. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from surplus and appropriate the revenues collected in program fees if any for compensation, applicable taxes, program funding, and other related expenses for the Embden Recreation Department or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 44. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from excise to the Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system of trails and bridges open in snow season to the public within the Town of Embden.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 45. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 from taxation plus interest from the Mary Ann Burns trust fund for use, dedicated for maintenance of cemeteries within the town or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 46. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from surplus for the Capital Improvement Fund, specifically for the purpose of future Slipp Road/Mill Stream scour repair as identified by the Maine Department of Transportation or what they will do related thereto.

Selectmen recommend.

Article 47. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Embden by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved by the proposed articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen recommend.

Dated: This 2nd day of February, 2015.

Signed: The Municipal Officers

Charles E. Taylor
Charles E. Taylor, Chairman

Wayne McLaughlin
Wayne McLaughlin, Selectman

Elizabeth Pratt
Elizabeth Pratt, Selectman

Rules of Town Meeting

All comments or questions will be directed to the Moderator.

No one may speak until recognized by the moderator.

The article will be read in full and the recommendation of the Municipal Officers will be stated. An affirmative motion will be made by an identified voter. No negative motions, including a motion to pass over, will be accepted.

Vote will be by holding up the colored index cards that were issued when you checked in. The results of the vote will be announced. Vote may be challenged by at least 7 voters.

Any decision by the moderator may be challenged. He may be overruled by a majority vote of the registered voters.

THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS APPLY TO ALL TOWN MEETINGS:

1. **QUALIFIED VOTER:** Every voter in the town may vote in the election of all town officials and in all town affairs.
2. **MODERATOR ELECTED AND SWORN:** The clerk, or in the clerk's absence a selectman or constable, shall open the meeting by:
 - a. Calling for the election of a moderator by written ballot
 - b. Receiving and counting votes for moderator
 - c. Swearing in the moderator
3. **MODERATOR PRESIDES:** As soon as he has been elected and sworn, the moderator shall preside over and supervise the voting at the meeting and may appoint a deputy moderator to assist the moderator. If the moderator is absent or unable to carry out the duties, the clerk, or in the clerk's absence a selectman or constable, may call for the election of a deputy moderator to act in the absence of the moderator.
 - a. All persons shall be silent at the moderator's command. A person may not speak before the moderator recognizes that person. A person who is not a voter in the town may speak at the meeting only with the consent of 2/3 of the voters present.
 - b. If any person, after a command for order by the moderator, continues to act in a disorderly manner, the moderator may direct that person to leave the meeting. If the person refuses to leave, the moderator may have that person removed by a constable and confined until the meeting is adjourned.
 - c. When a vote declared by the moderator is immediately questioned by at least 7 voters, the moderator shall make certain by polling the voters or by a method directed by the municipal legislative body.
4. **VOTES RECORDED BY THE CLERK:** The clerk shall accurately record the votes of the meeting.
5. **WRITTEN BALLOTS:** The clerk shall prepare the ballots. Ballots shall be of uniform size and color and must be blank except that 2 squares with "yes" by one and "no" by the other may be printed on them. The moderator shall ensure that each voter receives only one ballot for each vote taken.

NOTES:

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2015 Annual Town Meeting Proposed Appropriation

	<u>Description</u>	<u>URIP Block Grant & Other Revenues</u>	<u>Carried Fwd</u>	<u>Taxation</u>	<u>Surplus</u>	<u>Excise</u>	<u>2015 Proposed Operating Budget</u>
Art. 1-11	No Monetary Appropriation						
Art. 12	Municipal Officials		\$ -	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000
Art. 13	Membership Dues		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ 4,500
Art. 14	Insurance		\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000
Art. 15	Legal Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Art. 16	Town Audit/Town Meeting/Annual Report		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000
Art. 17	Unanticipated Expenses		\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Art. 18	Utilities		\$ -	\$ 48,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,200
Art. 19	Supplies & Equipment		\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Art. 20	Information/Technology		\$ 478	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,478
Art. 21	Trio Lic. & Maint.		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
Art. 22	Facilities Maintenance		\$ 13,120	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,120
Art. 23	Community Center		\$ 244	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 344
Art. 24	Tax Assessment		\$ 10,450	\$ -	\$ 32,055	\$ -	\$ 42,505
Art. 25	Town Tax Maps-Maintenance		\$ 10,054	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,054
Art. 26	Planning Board		\$ 15,864	\$ -	\$ 5,000		\$ 20,864
Art. 27	Code Enforcement		\$ 653	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,653
Art. 28	Appeals Board		\$ 3,100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 3,200
Art. 29	Fire Protection		\$ -	\$ 42,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,000
Art. 30	Hydrants		\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Art. 31	Ambulance		\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Art. 32	Animal Control		\$ 3,710	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 7,210
Art. 33	E-911 Account		\$ 2,173	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,173
Art. 34	Emergency Management Department		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200
Art. 35	State Wages		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Art. 36	Block Grant Funds	\$ 43,522		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,522
Art. 37	Summer Roads Repair & Maintenance		\$ 148,675	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 348,675
Art. 38	Select a Winter Roads contractor		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Art. 39	Winter Roads Plowing & Sanding Contract		\$ -	\$ 180,000	\$ 74,000	\$ -	\$ 254,000
Art. 40	Sanitation		\$ -	\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,000
Art. 41	General Assistance		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Art. 42	Social Services/Donations		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ 8,500
Art. 43	Recreation Department		\$ 4,120	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 12,120
Art. 44	Snowmobile Club		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Art. 45	Maint. Of Cemeteries		\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Art. 46	Capital Improvement Fund		\$ 54,660	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 104,660
Art. 47	No Monetary Appropriation						

	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Carried Fwd</u>	<u>Taxation</u>	<u>Surplus</u>	<u>Excise</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
2015 Totals	\$ 43,522	\$ 267,301	\$ 597,700	\$ 204,955	\$ 108,000	\$ 910,655
2014 Totals	\$ 111,603	\$ 94,303	\$ 589,700	\$ 156,725	\$ 90,000	\$ 836,425
Differential +/-	\$ (68,081)	\$ 172,998	\$ 8,000	\$ 48,230	\$ 18,000	\$ 74,230
Differential %	-61.00%	183.45%	1.36%	30.77%	20.00%	8.87%

<u>Excise Tax</u>			
	<u>Actual 2014</u>	<u>Anticipated 2015</u>	<u>DIFF</u>
Revenue/Anticipated	\$ 160,505	\$ 125,000	\$ (35,505)
Expended/Proposed Appropriation	\$ 90,000	\$ 108,000	\$ 18,000
Lapse to Surplus	\$ 70,505	\$ 17,000	\$ (53,505)

<u>2014 Appropriations</u>		<u>2013 Appropriations</u>	
Municipal Taxation	\$589,700.00	Municipal Taxation	\$589,650.00
County Tax	\$424,045.00	County Tax	\$390,623.00
MSAD #74	\$1,610,425.00	MSAD #74	\$1,528,644.00
Overlay	\$13,345.00	Overlay	\$114,153.00
Total Due/ Taxation	\$2,637,515.00	Total Due/Taxation	\$2,623,070.00

Town of Embden



RESULTS OF 2014 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 07:45 by the Town Clerk, Bonnie Baker.

Article 1: *Ken Lexier was elected to serve as moderator with a vote of 6-0. He was sworn in by the Town Clerk, and the meeting turned over to him. He appointed John Duff to serve as Deputy Moderator.*

Article 2: The following were elected:

Selectperson: Elizabeth Pratt	(43 votes)
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Bonnie Baker	(44 votes)
Tax Collector: Ruth Blake	(41 votes)
Assessor: Terriann Lamontagne	(42 votes)
Road Commissioner: Michael Witham	(43 votes)
RSU #74 (3-yr): Dwight Barron Jr.	(8 votes)
RSU #74 (2-yr): Torry Wahler	(3 votes)

47 residents voted in the secret ballot election. The open portion of the Annual Town Meeting was attended by 38 people.

Article 3. To see if the Inhabitants will accept the following tax assessment and collection related questions:

- A. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$20 to that person's next year's property taxes.
- B. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize citizens to pay their property taxes in two equal installments, the first one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable 30 days after commitment, the second one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable on November 18, 2014, and to charge interest at the rate of 7% per annum on unpaid balances after each due date, or what they will do related thereto.
- C. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.S.R.A. Section 506.

*Ann Bridges made a motion (2nd—R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 3A, B, & C as read. **Motion carried.***

- D. If the Inhabitants accept the previous section, what, if any, interest shall the Inhabitants pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Inhabitants vote to pay interest, the interest rate cannot be more than 8%.) Selectmen recommend 0%

*Dwight Barron made a motion to set the interest rate at 2.5%. No second. Motion dies. Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd—Ann Bridges) to approve Article 3D as read, and set the interest rate at 0%. **Motion carried.***

- E. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate from overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2013.

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd— Ann Bridges) to approve Article 3E as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

F. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A. Selectmen recommend a rate of 5%.

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd—Ann Bridges) to approve Article 3F as read, at a rate of 5%. **Motion carried.***

Article 4. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.S.R.A. Section 2953.

*Mary Cross asked what MRSA meant. Charles Taylor explained that this was the state statute, or law, which governed the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance. Joe Creamer asked what would happen if someone lived on that road. Charles Taylor replied that the Selectmen would certainly have to take that under advisement before a road was closed. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd—Scott LeHay) to approve Article 4 as read. **Motion carried.***

Article 5. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

*Dwight Barron made a motion (2nd—R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 5 as read & recommended. Maddy pierce stated that she thought the reason behind swapping to a 2-Pay system for taxes was to eliminate the need for a TAN. Charles Taylor replied that the hope was to not need the TAN, but the article had been put in just in case. Maddy Pierce asked the amount that had been borrowed in 2013. Bonnie Baker answered that the Town had borrowed \$550,000, but had only used \$200,000 of that amount, which saved the Town interest since they only had to pay interest on the amount actually utilized. She added that 2 years ago the Town had borrowed \$750,000, last year only \$550,000, and in 2014 the hope was that IF they had to take out a TAN, it would be for an even lesser amount. Rodney Hatch stated that he felt the townspeople would want the Selectmen to have this authority just in case, because no one had a crystal ball to predict with any certainty whether the TAN would be necessary. **Motion carried.***

Article 6. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to apply for, accept, and expend grant money available from the State of Maine, Federal Government, or other organizations for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd—Ann Bridges) to approve Article 6 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 7. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount of the previous annual budget during the period from January 1, 2015 to the Annual Town Meeting.

*Scott LeHay made a motion (2nd—Ann Bridges) to approve Article 7 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 8. To see if the Inhabitants will authorize the Municipal Officers to sell and dispose of any tax acquired property by the following procedure; acquiring a fair market value on the property, set a minimum bid amount and to place said property out to bid. Then to award the property on such terms as they deem to be in the best interest of the town and to execute Quit Claim Deeds for such property.

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd—Scott LeHay) to approve Article 8 as read. **Motion carried.***

Article 9. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to accept gifts of money, equipment, or other articles for the town. (All gifts to become property of the town)

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd—Scott LeHay) to approve Article 9 as read. **Motion carried.***

Article 10. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to accept two new road names which are: Ginger Lane and Brook Drive or what they will do related thereto.

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 10 as read. Mary Cross asked where these roads were located. Bonnie Baker replied that Brook Drive was off of the Getchell Road, and Ginger Lane was off of the Eames Road, on Fahi Pond. Mary Cross asked of accepting these roads meant the town would be responsible for their maintenance. Charles Taylor said no, there would have to be more than 2 houses on them. **Motion carried.***

Article 11. To see if the Inhabitants will accept funds from, but not limited to, the following potential revenue sources:

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Road Assistance
- C. State Aid for Education
- D. Civil Emergency Funds
- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement
- H. Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement
- I. Homestead Exemption Reimbursement
- H. General Assistance Reimbursement

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 11 as read & recommended. Mary Cross asked where this money came from. Charles Taylor replied that these funds came from the State of Maine. **Motion carried.***

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to carry the following account balances forward into their respective accounts. (Account balances as of Dec. 31st, 2013):

<u>BALANCE FORWARD ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>2013 REQUEST</u>
Information/Technology	\$ 3,880
Community Center	\$ 244
Tax Assessment	\$ 7,845
Tax Maps-Maintenance	\$ 13,557
Planning Board	\$ 11,044
Code Enforcement	\$ 92
Appeals Board	\$ 2,640
Animal Control Account	\$ 2,810
E-911 Account	\$ 2,379
Highways & Bridges (Summer Roads)	\$ 5,277
Recreation Account	\$ 8,296
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 36,242
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen	Total: \$94,126

*Scott LeHay made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 12 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 13. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 from taxation for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Municipal Officials or what they will do related thereto

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 13 as read. Nancy McLean asked why the article did not specify in more detail what the funds were for. Charles Taylor explained that the details could be found on page 25 of the Treasurers Report. He added that they had dropped the requested amount this year due to the excess last year, and there were no raises in the budget this year. **Motion carried.***

Article 14. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from surplus for legal expenses or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus)

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 14 as read & recommended. Nancy McLean asked who gets this money. Charles Taylor replied that the money in this article was for the town attorney if needed. He added that the town had cases throughout the year that the Selectmen must get advisement on. **Motion carried.***

Article 15. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200 from surplus for membership, dues, etc. in civic organizations. (i.e., KVCOG, SEDC, MMA, MTCCA, MTCTA, MAAO, etc.)

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd–R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 15 as read. **Motion carried.***

Article 16. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from taxation for all insurance policies, (e.g.; worker’s comp., building, equipment, etc.) or what they will do related thereto

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd–R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 16 as read & recommended. Mary Cross asked if this would cover the ECC as well. Charles Taylor said yes. **Motion carried.***

Article 17. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 from surplus for audit of the 2012 town books, expenses for holding Town Meeting(s), and for printing of the Annual Town Report or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus)

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 17 as read. Article was amended to read 2013 Town Books by a motion of Maddy Pierce, and 2nd – Ann Bridges. **Motion carried as amended.***

Article 18. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from taxation for unanticipated expenses or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Overlay)

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd–R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 18 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 19. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000 from taxation for utilities (fuel, electricity, telephone, internet, mowing, trash removal, cleaning, etc.) or what they will do related thereto

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd–R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 19 as written. Nancy McLean asked if this was mostly for the town office. Charles Taylor stated it was for all town owned buildings and structures. **Motion carried.***

Article 20. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from taxation for supplies and equipment used to run the operations of the town office or what they will do related thereto

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 20 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 21. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from taxation for annual licensing and maintenance fee for the Municipal Software from Trio Software Company.

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 21 as read & recommended. Maddy Pierce asked whether any move had been made to incorporate other parts of TRIO as the people had voted 3 or 4 years ago. Charles Taylor stated the Selectmen had talked to Ruth Blake and this was not a direction she wanted to go. Maddy Pierce emphasized that the Town was losing out on a lot of features, and the checks and balances of TRIO. She added that she thought they were doing an injustice to the townspeople by not using this software to its fullest potential. Ruth Blake retorted that they had a very good checks and balances system for the money coming in and going out. She added that Embden was not as large as some other towns, such as Madison. She stated she had been advised by Claudia Viles (Tax Collector for Anson) not to purchase the TRIO motor vehicles, and added that she had not seen a need for the expense to the town. **Motion carried.***

Article 22. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 from taxation for the Information/Technology Account or what they will do related thereto

R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 22 as read & recommended. Mary Cross asked what information technology entailed. Charles Taylor stated it was a fancy words for the computers used in the operations at the town office. He stressed that this was not the software, merely the equipment. He added that the office computers were still using XP, which had been discontinued, so any time one of the machines went they would have to be replaced.

Motion carried.

Article 23. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 from taxation plus the revenues received from the Embden Community Club (\$10,400 yearend balance as of 12/31/2013), for the yearly repair and maintenance of all town owned buildings, structures, and properties or what they will do related thereto (This will become a balance forward account)

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 23 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 24. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,355 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Tax Assessment or what they will do related thereto.

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 24 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 25. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,200 from taxation for the Tax Map Maintenance Account or what they will do related thereto

*Ann Bridges made a motion (2nd–Scott LeHay) to approve Article 25 as read & recommended. Maddy Pierce asked why they were asking for an additional \$11,200 when this account had a Carry Forward of more than \$13,000. Terriann Lamontagne replied, “Just in case there happens to be Shore land Zoning or any of this for Resource Protection, or National Wetland Inventory, that is why we are carrying forward this account.” Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd – Rodney Hatch) to amend the article to raise and appropriate \$0. Rodney Hatch asked whether the tax maps had been updated for 2013, and if not, was that why so little had been spent out of this account last year. Terriann Lamontagne said yes. Charles Taylor stated that if the article passed in Anson this afternoon, then the additional funds in this article would be used for our share of the cost of marking the Anson-Emden Town Line. **Amendment Failed.** Article was then voted on as originally written, read, and recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 26. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,750 from surplus for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Planning Board or what they will do related thereto

*Scott LeHay made a motion (2nd–R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 26 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 27. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from excise, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for Code Enforcement or what they will do related thereto

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 27 as written. Mary Cross asked what this money was for. Charles Taylor answered that it was to pay the CEO (Robert Dunphy), his Deputy (Terriann Lamontagne), and any necessary training. **Motion carried.***

Article 28. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from surplus, for compensation, applicable taxes, training, and other related expenses for the Appeals Board or what they will do related thereto

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd– Ann Bridges) to approve Article 28 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 29. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 from taxation for contracted fire protection and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a fire protection agreement with the Town of Anson or what they will do related thereto

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd–R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 29 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 30. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from taxation for the annual rental of fire hydrants to the Madison/Anson Water District pursuant to 35-A M.S.R.A. Section 107 or what they will do related thereto

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd– Scott LeHay) to approve Article 30 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 31. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from taxation for emergency services to Anson-Madison-Starks (AMS) Ambulance Service or what they will do related thereto

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd–Scott LeHay) to approve Article 31 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 32. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from surplus, for Animal Control or what they will do related thereto

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 32 as read & recommended. Nancy McLean asked if the Town had an ACO at this time. Charles Taylor responded that Pam Graf was currently the ACO. He added that she had a “pretty neat little report” in the Town Report. **Motion carried.***

Article 33. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from taxation for Town E911 signs and maintenance or what they will do related thereto

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd- Ann Bridges) to approve Article 33 as read & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 34. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 from surplus for compensation, and applicable taxes for the town’s Emergency Management Department or what they will do related thereto

*Ann Bridges made a motion (2nd–R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 34 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 35. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to pay all Town hired labor and equipment at the prevailing State of Maine hourly rate or what they will do related thereto

*Ann Bridges made a motion (2nd–R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 35 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 36. To see if the Inhabitants will permit the Municipal Officers and/or Road Commissioner to use URIP/LRAP Block Grant money, within the dedicated account for improvements to Town maintained roads and/or bridges, not to exceed the year ending balance of \$101,203.

*Ann Bridges made a motion (2nd– R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 36 as written. Maddy Pierce asked whether money could be used from here if the Road Commissioner started working on the roads early. Charles Taylor stated that this account was for specific projects only. **Motion carried.***

Article 37. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for repair and maintenance of bridges, roads, and culverts, dedicated for use by the Road Commissioner, or what they will do related thereto (Municipal Officers, elected and appointed recommend \$125,000 from taxation and \$75,000 from excise.)

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd–Myles Durkin) to approve Article 37 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 38. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$224,000 for the winter roads contract or what they will do related thereto (Municipal Officers, elected and appointed recommend \$175,000 from taxation and \$49,000 from surplus.)

R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 39 as written. Alan Mikal asked how this article related to public use of the sand shed. Charles Taylor stated that everything was included in the current contract. The contractor is responsible for putting up both the sand and salt, as well as replenishing them if needed at their expense. He stated there had been some abuses, so the Selectmen had allowed or made happen blocks put up at the sand shed to make it a little more difficult for individuals to back in a pickup truck. He added that the sand was most definitely open for people to get their 2 5g buckets of sand. Rodney Hatch asked if the blocks had made a difference. Eric Baker (driver for Nitram) replied, “There was a tremendous difference afterwards, also Michael Witham did put up one or two loads of sand next to the sand shed.” He added that before the barriers were put in, they would fill the sand and it would be empty within an hour. Elizabeth Pratt stated that she had spent a couple of days at the sand shed and had sent one person away because they were from North Anson. She said she had sent a couple of pickup trucks away as well. She stated, “You pay for that by paying the contractor, and it wasn’t right.” Alan Mikal asked if the blocks would stay next year. Charles Taylor said yes.
Motion carried.

Article 39. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from taxation for sanitation/solid waste disposal to Waste Management, Inc. or what they will do related thereto

*Myles Durkin made a motion (2nd–R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 39 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 40. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate \$2,000 from excise for the purpose of General Assistance administered by the town or what they will do related thereto (If required, any additional funding to be from Surplus)

*Scott LeHay made a motion (2nd–R. Michael Malesky) to approve Article 40 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 41. To see if the Inhabitants will raise and appropriate the recommended amount from surplus for the following Social Services and Charities or what they will do related thereto

A. Stewart Public Library	\$1,000.00
B. Somerset County Hospice	\$ 200.00
C. Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$ 250.00
D. Senior Spectrum Family Violence	\$ 500.00
E. Family Violence Project	\$ 500.00
F. Solon Food Cupboard	\$2,000.00
G. Madison Food Cupboard	\$2,000.00
H. Baker Mountain	\$ 500.00
J. KVCAP	\$ 300.00
K. Cub Scouts	\$ 250.00
L. Sunset Cemetery	\$1,000.00
M. Madison Public Library	\$ 500.00
N. Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center	\$ 200.00
O. Community Health & Counseling Services	\$ 25.00
P. Life Flight of Maine	\$ 100.00
Q. Girl Scouts	\$ 250.00
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Total:	\$9,575.00

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd–Ann Bridges) to approve Article 41 as written & recommended. **Motion carried.***

Article 42. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from surplus and appropriate the revenues collected in program fees for compensation, applicable taxes, program funding, and other related expenses for the Embden Recreation Department or what they will do related thereto

*Maddy Pierce made a motion (2nd—Myles Durkin) to approve Article 42 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 43. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from excise to the Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system of trails and bridges open in snow season to the public within the Town of Embden.

*Scott LeHay made a motion (2nd—Ann Bridges) to approve Article 43 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 44. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from taxation plus interest from the Mary Ann Burns trust fund for use, dedicated for maintenance of cemeteries within the town or what they will do related thereto

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd—Myles Durkin) to approve Article 44 as written. **Motion carried.***

Article 45. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from surplus for the Capital Improvement Fund, for the purpose of capital improvement projects for any town owned buildings or structures or what they will do related thereto

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd—Myles Durkin) to approve Article 45 as written. Nancy McLean asked if there was a plan to update some of the town buildings. Charles Taylor replied that this was to replenish the account. He stated that quite a bit was spent last year, and there was still some “buttoning up” that needed to be done. He added that if the money wasn’t spent it would remain in the account. He stated they had a quote to replace the rest of the windows at the Community Center. Elizabeth Pratt said that the Town House was pretty well straightened around now. She stated that quite a bit had been done there. Charles Taylor added that there was a crack in the Town House basement that could be problematic. He stated, “We are just trying to maintain what we have now.” **Motion carried.***

Article 46. To see if the Inhabitants will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town of Embden by State Law in the event that the municipal budget approved by the proposed articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

*R. Michael Malesky made a motion (2nd—Ann Bridges) to approve Article 46 as written. A written vote was taken and counted. **Motion carried 25-8.***

All elected officials who were present were sworn in by the moderato prior to the meeting being adjourned.

*Ann Bridges made a motion (2nd – Maddy Pierce) to adjourn. **Meeting was adjourned at 14:19.***

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*

Embden Community Club Report

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

“TO MAKE USE OF AND SUPPORT THE EMBDEN COMMUNITY CENTER AS A MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY, AND TO UNDERTAKE ANY ACTIVITIES THERE WHICH OFFER A WIDE VARIETY OF SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND CIVIC PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS OF ANY AGE FROM EMBDEN AND SURROUNDING TOWNS, ALL FOR PROMOTING COMMUNITY TOGETHERNESS.”

As we begin a new year it is always gratifying to look back and reflect on what the E.C.C. has done.

We try to get the children involved with the E.C.C., but because we are spread out over a vast area and because the children no longer identify our building as a place to gather, it has been difficult. The Jobs for Maine Grads (JMG) at the High School once again put on the annual Halloween Haunted House and Party. Lori Creamer headed up the third “Kids Fun Day” for all children in Embden and the surrounding communities. She did all this with the help of Ramona McLaughlin and Jean Cole. Joe and Jeanelle Creamer pitched in and provided goodies from the kitchen. All in all a very successful time for all.

The E.C.C. gave \$500 scholarships to two Embden students going on to higher education, and our third Embden grad will receive her scholarship this semester.

We purchased two Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) to be available for medical emergencies at a cost of \$1,396. One will be housed at the Town Office and the other at the Community Center. We provided half the cost of a new sound system, \$760.00 for the building. Hopefully, this will contribute to a cleaner sound during Town Meetings. It has been a definite asset to the Sunday Open Mic event, and the other music-related entertainment.

The replacement of the boiler and new windows in the building have resulted in a significant cost reduction in fuel for the building. The comfort factor has increased remarkably without the wind whistling through the old classrooms.

Some, but not all, of our ongoing events include:

- Neighbor-to-Neighbor Thrift Store
- Sewing Group
- TOPS
- Bone Building
- Bingo
- Embden Cub Scouts
- Open Mic each Sunday
- Craft Fairs
- Country Music / Dance Bands
- The Community Dinners each month except December

We would especially like to thank all of you who have donated articles to the Thrift Store. Without those we would not be able to offer the great variety of items you can find.

To all of you who have volunteered innumerable hours and expertise, we are humbled and blessed to have you in our corner. The countless hours spent in the Thrift Store just getting things cleaned, sorted, and ready to display. The time peeling vegetables and getting meals out for our dinners. Chef Larry Witham for cooking two Thanksgiving meals this fall. One on Friday so volunteers could deliver 35 dinners to residents of Embden who would not have been able to attend on Saturday and then coming back Saturday morning to begin again to prepare dinner for over 150 guests. These dinners were donation only. Raymond and Gloria Young and Scott and Patty LeHay for coming in every Sunday morning to set up for Open Mic, putting the kitchen in full snack mode then after three hours of entertainment, cleaning up after all that attended.

Those of you that made walking in the parking area after dark more friendly by the addition of new and more outside lighting. Myles Durkin and crew for supplying paint, time, and great effort for power washing, scraping then painting the exterior of the center.

All the rest of you who also cook, clean, sort, clean, host, clean, shop, take tickets, and everything else one can think of including cleaning deserve a rousing cheer.

The E.C.C. members were very pleased to give back to the Town \$12,000 toward the maintenance and running of the building.

All are welcomed to join the E.C.C. meetings the second and fourth Thursday of each month. We look forward with anticipation to meeting new members.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HAVE MADE THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED –
THE EMBDEN COMMUNITY CLUB



****PLEASE NOTE THE KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN FOR LUNCH PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING****

2014 Officers - President – Wayne McLaughlin, Vice-President – Ramona McLaughlin,
Secretary – Lori Creamer, and Treasurer – Ruth Blake

Embden Community Club 2014 Year End Report

	<u>Money In</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Net</u>
room rentals	\$ 830.00	\$ -	\$ 830.00
programs	\$ 63.00	\$ -	\$ 63.00
dinners	\$ 6,177.20	\$ -	\$ 6,177.20
concerts & events	\$ 6,536.00	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 2,386.00
flea/craft market	\$ 220.00	\$ -	\$ 220.00
50/50 & Misc	\$ 5,071.75	\$ -	\$ 5,071.75
kitchen food sales	\$ 1,417.30	\$ -	\$ 1,417.30
Donations	\$ 1,604.24	\$ -	\$ 1,604.24
Thrift Store	\$ 5,736.84	\$ 219.24	\$ 5,517.60
Open Mic	\$ 5,206.22	\$ 688.43	\$ 4,517.79
Total	\$32,862.55	\$ 5,057.67	\$ 27,804.88
Food Expenses	\$ -	\$ 4,413.86	\$ (4,413.86)
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ -	\$ 5,683.75	\$ (5,683.75)
Advertizing & Licenses	\$ -	\$ 1,234.34	\$ (1,234.34)
Total	\$32,862.55	\$16,389.62	\$ 16,472.93
Money Given to Town Treasurer	\$ -	\$14,156.00	\$ (14,156.00)
ECC Donated money	\$ -	\$ 1,078.86	\$ (1,078.86)
Totals	\$32,862.55	\$31,624.48	\$ 1,238.07
DINNERS & KITCHEN sales	<u>Money In</u>	<u>Money Out</u>	<u>Net</u>
	\$ 7,594.50	\$ (4,413.86)	\$ 3,180.64

Submitted By: Ruth Blake, Embden Community Club Treasurer

Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club



The Embden Travelers Snowmobile Club was created to provide recreation, enjoyment and entertainment for the residents of Embden and others when using the snowmobile trails. The organization consists of volunteers that build and maintain all that is necessary to support this non-profit activity normally consisting of 43 miles of trails. In support of this effort, the Club thanks the residents of Embden for approving the monetary support of this organization. The ETSC is also supported annually by a State grant that will equal \$3,750 and \$15.00 from each family membership, as well as donations and fund raisers. These funds are critical as club membership has declined greatly in the last few years while trail maintenance costs have not.

Last year, the ETSC had 41 family, 2 business and 1 associate memberships. At the time of this writing (January 16) trail conditions are not great. Light snowfall in December and January has given very little snowpack. The groomers have been busy opening the trails by clearing downed trees and brush. Easy riding can give access to all neighboring areas. The State of Maine has left all the shallow water buoys in place in Embden Pond. Please be alert to these hazards if you sled on the pond.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month October through April with membership open to everyone. Contact Nancy McLean (635-2857) or John Duff (566-5722) for application.

It is with great respect that the ETSC extends its appreciation to the landowners of Embden, Concord Township, and North Anson who grant us permission for use of their land for the purpose of snowmobiling. Without their support, the activity would not be enjoyed locally. As appreciation, the ETSC will host the Landowners' Supper March 28, 2015 at the Embden Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 with supper being served at 6pm.

John P. Duff
President ETSC

Embden Historical Society, Inc.

www.rootsweb.com/~meehs

This year's \$1,000.00 scholarship was awarded to Tyler Pinkham at graduation in June. The scholarship has been established for an Embden resident who is seeking an educational program beyond grade twelve, particularly in the "helping professions", i.e. medicine, health care, education, social work, law enforcement, counseling, etc. Applications are available at the High School Guidance Office and the Town Office.

Over the course of the year, the Society has maintained the 19 cemeteries in town; 10 of the larger ones with the help of Larry Bigelow. Most of the smaller cemeteries only require clean up work in the spring and fall, but a few of the larger cemeteries require mowing/trimming approximately 3 times during the summer which is becoming more difficult for the Society to handle financially with the \$1,000.00 provided by the Town. The remaining 9 cemeteries are maintained by volunteers to whom we are very grateful. This year we also erected a cedar rail fence at the Wentworth Cemetery on the Cleveland Road which looks very nice. Two stones were repaired at the Pierce/Purington Cemetery on the New Portland Road. Gravestone Concerns, LLC from Sidney repaired, erected and leveled 2 stones in that cemetery for \$925.00. John Pierce's stone broke away from it's pins and was laying on the ground and Lilla's stone was cracked and has been repaired. The Society was very pleased to receive a \$150.00 donation toward the repair from an abutting landowner who volunteers to keep this cemetery in tip-top shape. There are more stones in other cemeteries that also need attention.



The Historical Society had a nice array of speakers for 2014. Our April program of the "Lost Villages of Flagstaff and Dead River" by K. Wing and A. Burnell filled the room at the Embden Community Center with 24 members and 13 guests present. Another well-attended meeting was in July in which our own Brainard Tripp presented Early Development on the East Shore of Embden Lake - Land Purchase and Lot Sales. At our August meeting "Photographic Travels in Maine of Henry David Thoreau" by P. Johnson brought in 19 members and 10 guests. Overall through the year the total attendance at our meetings was 199 (167 members and 32 guests).

We are hoping our 2015 lineup will be as exciting and educational as last:

February 9, 2015	WWII Memories - WASP Betty Brown Video
March 9, 2015	Somerset Railroad by Pamela Dunphy Lattin
April 13, 2015	Wildflowers by Paul Johnson (Power Point)
May 8, 2015	Cleaning Town House and grounds
May 11, 2015	History of Old Apple Varieties in Maine by John Bunker
June 8, 2015	Adventures of Chief Warden Parker Tripp "Maine Wild"
July 13, 2015	Milton Bradley, the Man That Taught America How to Play by David Richards
July 27, 2015	Cookout/Potluck at the de Roos' on Embden Lake
August 10, 2015	Alvin Lombard and his Log Hauler by Art Ray
September 14, 2015	Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and display of EHS scrapbooks
October 12, 2015	Horse Drawn Freighting Across America by Nick Bick (Power Point)
November 9, 2015	Harvest Fest/Potluck/Yankee Swap

I would like to mention here the crew that maintains the "old pine tree" corner. As I was going by this fall the crew of Ann Bridges and Charlotte Tripp were changing the theme from summer to fall by planting mums, etc. They often decorate the "new pine tree" too. I stopped to thank them for their willingness to make the corner attractive according to the seasons. Many times they have helpers too, i.e. their spouses and granddaughter, Kelsey. Many thanks!

We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. During the months of May through November we meet at the Embden Town House and for the months of February through April we meet at the Embden Community Center. Membership is \$3.00 per person and can be mailed to our Treasurer, Brainard Tripp, 445 East Shore Road, Embden, ME 04958. Please feel free to join us for a meeting whether you are a member or not. (Membership roster for 2015 is at 71.)

If you have any questions you may contact our President, Ken Ingalls at 399-8697 or gullsinn528@gmail.com OR Vice President, Carol Dolan at 635-2539 or mcdolan@roadrunner.com

Check out our website www.rootsweb.com/~meehs Ernest George Walker's book, Embden Town of Yore is available for sale for \$40.00 (down from \$60.00), South of Lost Nation with Index is available for sale for \$18.00, there are a few Historic Afghans for sale for \$25.00 (down from \$50.00) and there are some maps available for sale either from a member or at the Town Office.

Thank you,
Carol Dolan, Vice President

Embden Pond Association

The Embden Pond Association (EPA)

This year we continued our goal of keeping Embden Pond as clean and pristine as possible, while also informing the public of certain safety concerns.



Here is a picture of somebody and something that most of us have seen for many seasons on Embden Pond, as well as something rather new. All together, they make one heck of a picture!! Most importantly, WITHOUT ONE WE WOULDN'T HAVE THE OTHER. Thank you Henry Hinman, Jr.!

The Embden Pond Association tries very hard to support both our community and our kids.

Here are some of the changes and things we have done:

- On Saturday, February 15th, we held our annual Kids' Ice Fishing Day. This event is always held during the Maine Free Family Fishing Weekend. We require one adult per child or small group. One such group, comprised of two kids and one adult, caught a total of 3 togue, all of which were about 22 inches long. On shore we served hot chocolate, hot dogs, cookies, and chips. About 30 people attended, and all had a ball, including us!
- The EPA sponsored an essay contest (What Embden Pond Means to Me) for all 5th grade students in RSU#74; which includes Solon Elementary School, Garret Schenck School, and Carrabec Community School. A first place winner was chosen from each school. Members of the EPA attended award ceremonies at those schools, and presented each winner with a mountain bike. A special thanks to Walmart for their help and support for these kids.
- During Teacher Appreciation Week, we delivered muffins and doughnuts to all of our local schools to show our support and appreciation. We presented teachers with postcards containing a picture of Embden Pond and info about the EPA.
- On July 4th, we had our 'Welcome Back to the Lake Breakfast' at the Embden Community Center. As always, a special thanks to the Embden Community Club for use of their kitchen and gym. Unfortunately, our boat parade was rained out that afternoon.
- During July and August, Carrabec High School students, along with Sue Hellewell and other volunteers, conducted our annual Invasive Plant Patrol. Once again, NO INVASIVE PLANTS WERE FOUND!! The compiled data will be recorded and posted on our website. Students who participated will receive community service credits, and be considered for a scholarship from the Embden Pond Association.
- We also conducted thorough water quality and clarity testing. Results are available on our website

The EPA held its' Annual Business Meeting and Cookout on Saturday, August 2nd. There we had an open discussion about a large potential change which has since been finalized.

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry (formerly the Department of Conservation) will now take over the responsibility for the 19 marker buoys located in Embden Pond. Previously this was done by the EPA. For the last 25 years we have maintained and monitored these buoys, and it is not an easy job, especially as our membership ages. Lately I have wanted two people aboard when monitoring these buoys for safety reasons, because it can be challenging at times. The EPA has offered to monitor the buoys during the boating season, and report findings to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry. One change resulting from them assuming responsibility for the buoys is that all 19 of these buoys will now have 300 pound anchors, and will remain in Embden Pond year round, just as all other lakes in the State do.

Just as soon as it is safe, all 19 buoys will have a small fir tree near it for safety, and snowmobile trails leading into Embden Pond will have posted signs.

Furthermore, the Embden Pond Association would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Charles Mand (1927-2014), a past president of the EPA. Charles passed away January 26, 2014. He, like so many other Embden residents, worked at the Devereaux Camps. He also served as a school board member.

Sincerely,
Jack Stephens

Stewart Public Library

Stewart Public Library (SPL) is an all-volunteer, full-service local library with 501(c)3 status. Serving Anson and Embden residents and all R.S.U. #74 students, the collection of books, magazines, audios, CDs and DVDs are available for two week lending periods. Patron computers are available with T3 connectivity plus Wi-Fi connectivity for wireless users. The catalog is available online during library hours by going to our website and clicking on “Catalog”. Our hours are Wed. 2:30-6:00 p.m. and Sat. 2:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Residents may contact the library during hours at 635-3212. Wi-Fi is available for laptops and other wireless devices both inside and outside the library from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. Watch bulletin boards, newspapers and the library website for the annual Summer Book Sale.

The library was recognized as a Spirit of America award recipient. Seventy-six students from Carrabec Community School visited the library prior to summer vacation. With an inventory of over 10,000 items, which is close to our maximum, we also hold local history and genealogical research material.



Volunteers worked over 570 hours in 2014. Desk volunteers: Glenna Blazic, Betsy Burpee, Rainbow Cornelia, Alyson Duff, Linda Harvie, Emily Quint, Beverly Tripp, and Donna Williams. A sincere thank you for your service! Beth Agren has retired. Volunteers Margaret Adams, Rainbow Cornelia, John Duff, Patrick & David Hooper, Rick Keen, Angela Larlee, Larry Misuraca, Wyatt Nelson, Kelsey Pease, Mitchell Quint, Brendon Tolman, Doreen & Mike Whitmore and Larry Witham served on special projects. A special thanks to all the individuals who donated their time, money, services and books. Thank you for your continued support. Stewart Public Library – your source for borrowing books, audios, videos and free internet access.

Sincerely,

Stewart Public Library

Emily Quint, Volunteer Librarian

Email: splib@tdstelme.net

Website: www.stewartpub.lib.me.us

Madison Public Library

To the residents of Embden:

Embden's yearly support affords all residents the opportunity to use the Madison Public Library, and all of its services and programs, at no additional individual cost.

For those unfamiliar with the library, here is a list of some of the services we provide:

- A collection of over 16,000 print books

- 13 magazines including The Nation, Mother Earth News, and Discover

- Computer and Internet access, as well as Wireless internet access

- Maine Info net Download Library - an eBook & audio book subscription that allows you to “checkout” (download) digital books to your devices using your library card

- Summer programs for elementary school children

- A book club for grades 5-8

- Special presentations for all ages

- Preschool story time on Tuesdays at 10AM, year-round

- Library Book Club for adults, also year-round

It is clear that people are using the Madison Public Library. Total checkouts for print books and magazines, in-house audiobooks, and digital audiobooks and eBooks this year was 15,447. Desktop computer use remained the same, but **overall** computer use is up, with more and more people using wireless devices to access the internet.

In March, we held a Technology Petting Zoo, a presentation to better understand e-readers and tablets. All who attended enjoyed the program and expressed their appreciation to the library for holding the event.

The Summer Reading Program hosted 3 presenters this year: Carroll Chapman's Maine-ly Balloons, The Chewonki Traveling Natural History Program, and Mr. Harley, an outdoor music program that was pretty well-attended—considering it was 97 degrees that day! We anticipate another great summer.

The 3rd Annual Christmas Celebration was a success, despite miserable weather. Over 50 children and their families lined up to see Santa. We look forward to being a part of the Christmas Celebration in the future.

Beverly Wilder decided to discontinue her role as trustee secretary after serving for 10 years. Thank you, Bev, for your hard work and dedication to the library.

Business hours are as follows:

Mon Tue Wed	10AM – 7:30PM
Thu Fri	10AM – 5:30PM
Sat	10AM – 3:00PM

We have a very generous community. As always, my thanks to the patrons and taxpayers of Madison, Anson, North Anson, Starks, Athens and Embden, and to our trustees. Your generous financial support and timely advice is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Forbus
Head Librarian

REAL ESTATE COLLECTION REPORT

2015 PREPAYMENTS RECEIVED IN 2014.....	8,101
2014 TAX COMMITMENT.....	2,562,515
2014 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS	20,276
2014 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2014.....	855
2014 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED.....	2,427,206
2014 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2014	146,091
2013 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2014.....	149,544
2013 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2014.....	0
2013 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2014.....	0
2013 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED.....	123,145
2013 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2014	30,466
2012 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2014.....	38,073
2012 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2014.....	0
2012 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2014.....	0
2012 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED.....	34,567
2012 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2014	3,519
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2014.....	13,977
2011 SUPPLEMENTAL BILLS ISSUED DURING 2014.....	0
2011 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2014.....	0
2011 REAL ESTATE TAXES COLLECTED.....	13,977
2011 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2014.....	0
2010 REAL ESTATE TAXES OUTSTANDING AS OF 1/01/2014.....	0
2010 ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING 2014.....	192
2010 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2014.....	0
2008 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2014	125
2007 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2014	84
2006 BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2014.....	74
REAL ESTATE TAX INTEREST COLLECTED	13,500
REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN COSTS COLLECTD	6,365

2014 Delinquent Property Taxes

* Paid in full after 12/31/2014 and before 2/1/2015

880 East Shore Realty Trust.....	4,642.60	Buchanan, Alexander & Stephanie.....	108.75
Abdelrihim, Mohamed & Rhonda	585.62	Buchanan, Alexander & Stephanie.....	55.63
Adams, Clay A.....	18.46	Burns, Danny.....	2,035.96
*Arntson, Judith Morel.....	8.05	Burns, Danny & Nichole.....	366.32
Arsenault, Arthur.....	615.90	Burrill, Christopher & Linsey.....	523.32
Attwood, Laurie L.....	313.91	Burrill, Darron.....	1.59
Baker, Cindy.....	485.04	Caldwell, Barbara D.....	2,290.15
Barrett, John M. & John C.....	1.80	Caramihalis, Michael & Elizabeth.....	35.15
Batchelder, Eric & Stephanie.....	559.45	Carey 2007 Family Trust.....	236.74
Beedy, Chad E. & Abbott, Lynette	1,004.28	Carey, James	174.44
Belanger, Corey.....	803.67	Carrol, Eric & Theresa.....	418.66
*Benbrook, Beverly & John.....	95.32	*Cassese-Haynes, Donna &	
Benbrook, John.....	3,249.57	Haynes, Robert	1,683.97
Benson, Louise.....	104.04	Cavilla, David & Jaclyn	617.01
Bernadette Jutras Irr. Family Trust.....	1,457.29	Chase, Michael & Jeanine &	
Berry, Donald & Cynthia.....	1,770.95	Gettig, Christine.....	1,262.20
Billing, Samuel	1,172.49	Christensen, Jon C. & Dena J.....	2,430.95
Billing, Samuel.....	342.65	*Cote, Michael; Fisher, Cynthia;	
Bishop, Terry L.....	1,143.83	Sabatino, Steven; Briggs, Steven;	
Bolthouse, Catherine L.....	318.98	& Blake, Bruce.....	214.47
Bolthouse, Catherine L.....	1,768.07	Creamer, Eric	760.71
Boucher, Paul.....	397.47	*Creamer, Joe & Jeanelle.....	325.83
Breault, Nathan & Tammy.....	685.30	*Creamer, Joe & Wilfred.....	269.76
Breton, Mitchell R. & Mary B.....	320.05	*Creamer, Wilfred & Joe.....	826.72
Brown, Robert A. & Debra A.....	382.52	Cyr, Brent D. & Carman P.	2,160.56
Brundo, John & Lordi, Linda.....	1.33	Cyr, Donald & Suzanne	1,272.16

Danforth, Aubrey L.....	773.77	Green, Red.....	381.27
Danforth, Aubrey L.....	184.41	Greenlaw, Mark A. & Wendy J.....	634.21
Danforth, Bruce.....	1,019.23	Haberland, Greg.....	159.49
Darius, Patrick A.	17.09	*Hibbard, Joseph.....	1,763.09
Dawes, Aaron A.....	733.89	*Hinkley Jr., Mark.....	1,702.04
Dean Jr., Claude & Karen.....	396.84	Hoffman, Robert & Marria M.....	2,197.94
Diamond, Robert Erwyn.....	844.79	Howe, James	769.29
Dionne, Marc & Bridget	2.43	Hunnewell Valley Inc.....	189.00
*Donlan Jr., John & Vidrine, Eileen (Trustees)	1.86	Hurd, Duane	1,006.77
Downs, Eugene & Joann	487.19	Ingalls, Kenneth & Sandra.....	145.56
Ebnetter, Kurt T.....	2,906.58	Jaros, Richard E. & Brenda J.....	2,256.51
*Evans, David & Noreen.....	762.55	Jillson, Joshua.....	636.71
Flanagin, Jonathan.....	300.29	*Johnson, Ronald Sr. & Ronald Jr.....	580.64
Fletcher, David & Mary.....	939.49	Johnston, Brian A.....	208.08
Flynn, John F. et al.....	92.84	Judson, Darryl L.....	1,204.88
Foley, John & Aimee.....	2,844.62	Judson, Darryl L.....	548.24
Fox, George & Christine.....	637.93	Jusseume, David P.	1,495.20
Frink, Robert & Parascandolo, J.M.....	477.69	Jutras, David J. & Luz M.....	816.13
Frith, Palmer E.....	2,313.82	Kelly, Michael.....	1,297.09
Frost, Justin R.....	231.76	Kenney, David D.....	174.44
Frost, Royce Frank & Debra S.....	626.74	Kenney, David D.....	62.30
Gagnon, Nancy & Merrill, Thomas.....	799.30	Kenney, David D.....	203.04
Gagnon, Raymond & Denise; Townsend, Lester & Gail.....	107.16	Kenney, David D & Kathy A.....	2,200.44
*Gaias, Edward & Barbara.....	1,006.14	*Kurovics, George J.....	7.49
*Gaias, Edward & Barbara.....	160.73	Labbe, Cindy.....	279.10
*Gaslin, Rocky & Barbara.....	2,526.26	Labbe, Cindy.....	218.05
Goldman Sachs Mortgage Company.....	162.67	Lamphere, Joel T.....	1,075.47
Gray, Linda	890.74	Lancaster, Gary.....	350.25
		Lancaster, Gary & Lightbody, Diane.....	2.57
		*Lancaster, Thelma & William.....	1.18

*Lancaster, Thelma & William (L.E.);		*Nelson, Brian	457.28
Lancaster, Gary; Lightbody, Diane;		Nelson, Brian & Christina	2,161.81
& Emery, Renee	8.28	Nile, Laurie	740.12
*Laverdiere, Janice & Melissa	312.12	Oliver, Randolph	1,534.45
Libby, Laura	1,956.22	Packard, Richard & Tina	388.13
Longley, Daniel & Janet	831.08	Palmer, Stuart M.	312.75
Longley, Travis & Wendy	1,075.30	Paquette, Hollie R.	1,389.29
Loons Nest Realty	7.76	Pelletier, Carlene T.	428.00
Lutz, Gary & Sean	605.56	Pinkham, James & Wayne	116.41
Macneill Jr., Lawrence & Nancy	752.64	Pomerlow, Donald & Linda	330.19
Malesky, Michael	689.04	Raymond, Loretta & Donald	1,247.25
Malesky, Michael	1,212.36	Reigle, Alan F. & Shirley B.	108.40
Malesky, R. Michael	304.02	Reigle, Alan F. & Shirley B.	128.34
Malesky, R. Michael	261.66	*Rogers, Everett & Linda	1,074.67
Manzer, Carl & Brown, Jennifer	77.25	Rolfe, Danny & McAlister, Pamela	332.22
*Marshall, Bruce & Lisa	3.22	*Roop, Stephen & Elaine	2,072.72
Martin, James R. & Brenda L.	913.32	*Schoonmaker, John, Linda &	
Mayo, Cynthia M.	469.74	Kathleen	640.32
McBreairty Jr, Donald & Dorothy	1,129.55	SCT Realty Trust	361.34
McCarthy, Carolyn M.	712.29	Seavey, Jesse & Casey	100.00
McMahon, Richard J. & Kim R.	4,687.45	Smith, Winn S.	1,809.19
Mello, Jennifer M.	532.66	Sparrow, Anthony & Sherry	2,013.54
Michaud, Wayne	2,219.47	St. Michel, Normande	807.08
Miller, Duwayne & Pamela	138.30	Strickland, Amber	181.92
*Moldenhauer, Edward & Jo	1,483.36	Swarout, Jeffrey S. & Terry K.	262.03
Morrill, Eric S. & Amanda L.	1,011.75	Taylor, Darlene A.	2,540.59
Mullin, John	545.75	Taylor, Eleanor & Gilbert	2,032.23
Mullin, Steven R. & Jane	1,057.85	*Tetrault, Brenda J.	133.54
Murray, Joseph & Smith, Kathleen	1,135.74	Tillson, Leroy & Deanna	301.53
*Nadeau, Maurice & Collins, Carolyn	106.22	Tingley, Ray	599.00

Tingley, Ray.....	330.19	Williams, David	355.08
Truscott, Daniel & Katie.....	761.31	Witham, Ellery G.....	2,639.03
Vecchinne, Fredrick.....	3.37	Wood, Kenneth & Gaudette, Theresa.....	580.64
VFW Post #8934.....	271.63	*Woolf, Heston.....	361.34
*Vogt, Marc, Diane & Christy.....	10.01	Wuori, Guy & Dorothy.....	2,052.16
Wahler, Heather.....	960.67	Wyman, Travis P. & Donna M.	470.99
Warren, Douglas.....	817.38	Yattaw, Frank & Nicolette.....	181.92
Way, Jamie & Brad.....	313.99		

Total Outstanding 2014 Taxes: \$144,088.94

2013 Delinquent Property Taxes

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880 East Shore Realty Trust.....	485.76	Hoffman, Robert & Marria.....	146.29
Abdelrihim, Mohamed & Rhonda.....	577.73	Jaros, Richard E. & Brenda L.....	2,272.74
Batchelder, Eric & Stephanie.....	549.33	Johnston, Brian.....	74.06
Billing, Samuel L.	1,173.63	Judson, Darryl L.....	1,261.34
Billing, Samuel L.....	364.90	Judson, Darryl L.....	581.59
Bishop, Terry L.....	1,192.98	Kenney, David D. & Kathy A.....	2,347.39
Brown, Robert A. & Debra A.....	366.18	Libby, Laura L.....	1,983.66
Burrill, Christopher & Lindsey.....	510.10	Longley, Daniel & Janet.....	270.10
Caldwell, Barbara D.....	2,467.35	*Mayo, Cynthia.....	84.07
Carroll, Eric & Theresa.....	244.87	McKinley (Dunphy), Lori.....	356.82
Chase, Michael & Jeanine & Gettig, Christine.....	1,189.10	*Nile, Laurie.....	839.55
Cyr, Brent & Carmen.....	685.10	Palmer, Stuart M.....	293.96
Diamond, Robert Erwyn.....	173.80	Reigle, Alan & Shirley.....	0.10
Downs, Eugene & Joann.....	385.53	Smith, Winn S.....	1,884.33
Flanagin, Jonathan James.....	319.75	Sparrow, Anthony & Sherry.....	2,063.63
Frost, Justin R.....	248.81	Strickland, Amber.....	197.22
Gagnon, Raymond & Denise; & Townsend, Lester & Gail.....	171.42	Taylor, Darlene A.	2,691.79
Goodwin, Jeff.....	156.05	Witham, Ellery.....	2,886.56
Greenlaw, Mark A. & Wendy J.....	717.02	Wyman, Travis P. & Donna M.....	464.26
		Yattaw, Frank & Nicolette.....	573.85

Total outstanding 2013 Taxes: \$33,252.72

2012 Delinquent Property Taxes

* Paid in full after 12/31/2014 and before 2/1/2015

*Abdelrihim, Mohamed & Rhonda.....	590.68
Gagnon, Raymond & Denise; & Townsend, Lester & Gail	176.08
*Nile, Laurie	853.56

Total outstanding 2012 Taxes: \$1,620.32

2008 Delinquent Property Taxes

Gagnon, Raymond & Denise; & Townsend, Lester & Gail.....	124.87
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Total outstanding 2008 Taxes: \$124.87

2007 Delinquent Property Taxes

Gagnon, Raymond & Denise; & Townsend, Lester & Gail.....	130.07
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Total outstanding 2007 Taxes: \$130.07

2006 Delinquent Property Taxes

Gagnon, Raymond & Denise; & Townsend, Lester & Gail.....	119.25
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Total outstanding 2006 Taxes: \$119.25

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Town of Embden Directory

Position	Telephone	E-Mail
Town Office 809 Embden Pond Road Embden, Maine 04958	566-5551 566-5553 fax	
Selectpersons Charles E. Taylor Wayne McLaughlin Elizabeth Pratt	566-5551 x 3 491-2641 635-2244 635-2462	embden-select@roadrunner.com
Town Clerk/Treasurer Bonnie Baker	566-5551 x4	embden-clerk@roadrunner.com
Tax Collector Ruth Blake	566-5551 x4	embden-collector@roadrunner.com
Registrar Bonnie Baker	566-5551 x4	embden-clerk@roadrunner.com
General Assistance Officer Charles Taylor	491-2641	embden-select@roadrunner.com
Health Officer Robert Dunphy	474-4515	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
E-911 Addressing Officer Eleanor Ketchum	566-7141	
Board of Assessors Terriann Lamontagne Raymond Young Sr. Wayne McLaughlin	566-5551 x1	embden-assessor@roadrunner.com
SAD # 74 Directors Dwight Barron Jr. Shawn Cyrway Vacant	635-2962	
Road Commissioner Michael Witham	635-2721	
Winter Roads Contractor Nitram Excavation	692-6827	
Recreation Director Tammy Murray	431-0801	embden-rec@roadrunner.com

Position	Telephone	E-Mail
Emergency Management Director		
Robert Dunphy	474-4515	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
Michael Witham	635-2721	
Fire Warden		
Robert Dunphy	474-4515	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
Deputy Fire Warden		
Bonnie Baker	566-5551 x4	embden-clerk@roadrunner.com
Animal Control Officer		
Pamela Graf	474-6465	
Deputy Animal Control Officer		
Vacant	474-6465	
Plumbing Inspector		
Leo Mayo	566-5551 x 2 566-7341	
Deputy Plumbing Inspector		
Robert Dunphy	474-4515	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
Code Enforcement Officer		
Robert Dunphy	566-5551 x 2 474-4515	embden-ceo@roadrunner.com
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer		
Terriann Lamontagne	566-5551 x3	
Planning Board		
Leo Mayo, Chairperson	566-7341	
Ann Bridges, Secretary	566-5793	
Eleanor Ketchum	566-7141	
Myles Durkin		
Dwight Barron Jr.	635-2962	
Vacant, Alternate		
Vacant, Alternate		
Appeals Board		
John Duff, Chairperson	566-5722	
Mary Keenan		
Vacant		